



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



### Our December Program: Holiday Dinner and Gift Exchange

at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke

on Monday, December 2, at 6 PM\*

(\*an hour earlier than our usual time)

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

If your last name begins with M-R, please bring a dessert.

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

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

Don't forget to bring your **Quilted Trading Card!**

Come wearing your Christmas Sweater and Christmas bling!

**Let's Have Fun!!**

**P.S.** - If you'd like to help with setting up and decorating the room, etc., please contact Gisela by email at [giselaoco@outlook.com](mailto:giselaoco@outlook.com) or by telephone at 540-384-6401 or 540-293-6890. Or just show up at the church at 4 pm.

**Please see a very important note from our Treasurer on Page 5!!**



**You Still Have Time!! Make a Quilted Trading Card to exchange at the December Social!**

Why not quilt a "trading card" to exchange at the December Social? All you have to do is make a VERY LITTLE quilt (3.5 x 2.5 inches). Many of the Artist Trading Cards you will find online are not quilted. Obviously, for this swap, we would prefer ones that are!

Take a look here:

<https://quiltinggallery.com/2012/03/07/artist-trading-cards-tutorial/>



### **Guild Challenge: What's Virginia Known For?**

We are looking forward to seeing all the quilts displayed at our December Social that commemorate our wonderful state of Virginia! Please let Susan know the dimensions of your quilt prior to December 2 so that she can plan the display.  
Susan Kraterfield: [skraterfield@gmail.com](mailto:skraterfield@gmail.com)



We welcome a new member in  
November!

Karen Holtz - [Kholtz@yahoo.com](mailto:Kholtz@yahoo.com)

## Officers and Committee Chairs for 2018-2019

President .....	Judy McWhorter
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Ways & Means .....	Cathy Henderson (fabric)
Web Page .....	Susan Kraterfield

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

## Minutes from Our Meeting on November 4, 2019

Our November meeting was devoted entirely to our first-ever Garage Sale. We had no announcements, business meeting, or Show and Tell. Fifteen or sixteen tables were "rented" by members with quilt-related items to sell; sellers kept the proceeds from their sales. The room was available early so that the vendors could set up their space. The sale, scheduled to begin at 6:30, was well underway when the Secretary arrived at 6:15. Buyers, sellers and browsers were very busy until about 7:45 when business seemed to wind down. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening, Secretary included!

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Hightower, Secretary

## Guild Income and Expenses

May 1, 2019 - November 30, 2019

Income \$3,385

Expenses \$2,299

November - 2019 Cash-on-hand: \$15,270

Notes:

The income total above includes \$978 from the sale of items from Judi Byrd's estate. The guild has also taken approximately \$200 in fabric and batting from the estate to use for Comfort Quilts.

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

## What's Ahead at our Monday Meetings

January - Needle Felting by Nancy Collins. Nancy Collins will present a program and trunk show that shows her progression in felting adventures. Nancy is the retired head of the Salem Library and refers to herself as a fiber junkie and hoarder - but her friends know she is a fiber *artist* with a large *stash*. Judy Coffman will assist and show off some of her adventures in felting as well.

February - "Let's Talk Rulers" by Phyllis Reeves. Phyllis will explain the basic Studio 180 rulers and their functions. She will concentrate on the ones that make our most common shapes and that are used with any pattern and not just Studio 180 rulers.

March - Kevin Womack Art - Trunk Show - Kevin will share his path through traditional quilting to art quilting and his love of hand dyeing and surface design techniques that has led to where he is today. Kevin will also be selling hand-dyed scarves, t-shirts and fabrics before and after the program. <https://kevinwomackart.com/about>

April - Lisa Alley with Bear Hugs Quiltworks - Trunk Show - Lisa will tell how she became a quilter and explain how she has created and published patterns.

May - Social

~Dawn Schaben, Program Chair



To Guild Members born in December  
5 Linda Greene  
11 Roberta Badger, Cynthia Yeager & Melba Martin  
24 Kelleen Gale  
27 Jennifer Adams  
29 Clare Melick

### **Important Note from Our Treasurer – Please Read!!**

A Note from the Treasurer about Funds for Deposit and Requests for Reimbursement -

Please do not give me a receipt for reimbursement or funds for deposit without the proper Star Quilting Guild expense or income form attached. Please write legibly on the forms. Be sure on the income form that the cash and check amounts agree with the total. Neither the by-laws or the expense forms state that only one receipt should be attached to one form -- you may attach multiple receipts to a form, but please use judgement and do not combine receipts for multiple events or activities -- it is easier to track expenses if multiple activities are not included on the same receipt.

Up to now, I have been completing the forms for members who do not give me the appropriate forms. I have now decided to firmly adhere to the established procedure that members complete the appropriate forms and then pass them to the treasurer.

To make the transition from doing what we have been doing to the established procedures, I will give the members who often pass receipts and funds to me a packet of forms to use in the future. The forms are printed for you on the next page and are also on the Star Quilting website in the "Members Only section".

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sue Berry, Treasurer

## Forms for Expense Reimbursement & Income Submission



### Income Voucher

All income should be submitted immediately to Treasurer. Please indicate Committee and list a complete explanation of receipts. Please list Total Amount and then break down the amount submitted in Checks and Cash.

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Checks: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### Expense Voucher

Receipt must be attached for reimbursement. Receipts must contain only items purchased for Star Quilters Guild. Do not include any personal items when purchasing Quilt Guild items. A copy of the receipt will be accepted.

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# COMFORT QUILTS

Quiltessas meet Friday, December 6, from 10 am - 2 pm  
at

Our Lady of Nazareth Church, 2505 Electric Road, Roanoke, VA 24018.

Bring your own work or help with comfort quilts.



**BUSY HANDS**

Join a group of members working on hand work on Monday, Dec. 16, at Barnes and Noble -Tanglewood at 6:30 pm. Finish up those last-minute projects while having a Holiday flavor beverage. Any questions, text or email Ann Ware.

## SECOND ANNUAL QUILTERS GUILD RETREAT 2020

Check your 2020 Social Calendars!

Cathy Russell needs to choose between 2 dates for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quilters Guild Retreat. If you are interested, be sure she has your name and which date you prefer:

August 5<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) - August 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

OR

September 9<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) - September 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

Send your vote directly to Cathy @ [bfmshmk@yahoo.com](mailto:bfmshmk@yahoo.com) and tell her to add your name to the list of participants.



## VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM

Will be celebrating  
Small Business Saturday  
on

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

With 30% off all quilts in the museum shop and 20% off  
all non-consignment shop items.

The shop is in the museum at 301 South Main Street,  
Harrisonburg, VA - 540.433.3818

[info@vaquiltmuseum.org](mailto:info@vaquiltmuseum.org)

Also still continuing at the Virginia Quilt Museum through December 14, 2019 is the Juried Exhibition by Members of the WEST VIRGINIA QUILTERS, INC. Showcased are members' quilts, both traditional and contemporary. Curator: Barbara Greene



Winter Tea at the Virginia Quilt Museum

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm - 4pm

Cost is \$40. Fawn Valentine will be speaking about  
American Quilt History. Tea and teatime snacks will be served,  
and attendees will be able to share their own heirloom quilts.

Tickets can be purchased by clicking [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Or visit the VQM website:

<http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/events-1/2019/6/20/winter-tea>





## If You're Not Doing What You Love, You're Wasting Your Time!

Kristin Farwig recommended this link. Don't just read this list - go to the site and read how the author, Wanda S. Hanson, says you can overcome these problems. She has lots of good coping strategies!

### Top 10 Time Wasters to Remove from Your Quilting Process

1. Unorganized stash.
2. Needing to clear the clutter off the cutting table every time you need to cut.
3. Trying to find scraps for a project in a crammed plastic bag or container.
4. Failing to press your fabric before cutting.
5. Cutting only one layer at a time with a rotary cutter.
6. Having to untangle spools of thread because you failed to secure the ends.
7. Sewing just one unit at a time instead of chain-piecing.
8. Putting so many quilts on your to-do list that you can't decide which one to do.
9. Waiting and wishing for inspiration instead of actually working on something.
10. Not starting the project you're passionate about because you feel Unfinished Project Guilt.

<https://exuberantcolor.com/top-10-timewasters0skdgovasevnImseIjfiwekl20502r2323>

Some people consider unfinished projects to be a burden or guilt trip, but I see them as a jump start when I am wanting to work on a project.

— Wanda S. Hanson



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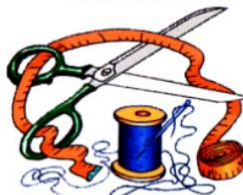
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## Jill's Visit to Bargain Barn Fabrics

Bargain Barn Fabrics is in Montvale. That long stretch of straight highway where the giant empty oil tanks reside is where you can find this wonderful treasure - I'm talking quilting, sewing, upholstery, drapery, classes, and trims! It is pretty much all in the name. A barn filled with unique finds, great prices, and a very helpful staff. Staff, no, it is really a family, Marietta & Tiara, who took the time out of their busyness to show me around their store and explain about their products, classes, and the various amazing & mind-blowing custom projects they do for customers.

They have a great selection of quilting fabric including 1930's reproduction, batiks, Civil War fabric, panels, and fabric called "homespun". I didn't know anything about homespun fabric, so Tiara explained. Homespun is fabric woven with threads of colors so that the right and wrong sides of fabric are the exact same color. It is a looser weave that replicates fabric that was woven in early American times. It is 100% cotton and lighter than most quilting fabric used today and makes great rustic décor, rag quilts (Rag quilt classes being offered December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>) and re-enactment costumes.

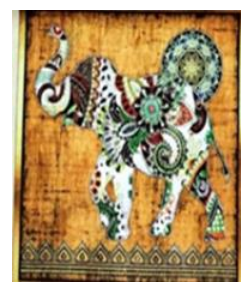
The classes they offer reflect the products they sell, so there are classes ranging from apparel construction, felting, cushion, bedding and a painting on fabric class. See their list: [https://bargainbarnfabrics.com/index.php?main\\_page=page\\_4](https://bargainbarnfabrics.com/index.php?main_page=page_4))

And, Wow! Painting on fabric! Their painting on fabric projects should be hanging in an art gallery—utterly amazing!

If you have a project of your own that you need some help with, they are so very knowledgeable and will help you find, order and coordinate the fabrics you need.

I left Bargain Barn Fabric with some fabrics for my niece's quilt, some "homespun" knowledge, excitement about classes to learn some new skills, and plans to visit again very soon.

- Jill Moody



## Volunteer Opportunity

### 25 MILLION STITCHES - ONE STITCH FOR EACH OF THE 25 MILLION REFUGEES

<https://www.25millionstitches.com/>

**The world is in flight.** 25 million people across the globe have been forced to flee their homelands because of genocide, war, poverty, natural disasters, targeted violence, and other grave threats. They leave behind everything they've known, possessed, and been a part of in order to live; they face immense struggles, misfortunes, and perils on their journey; and, though it all, survival, much less successful resettlement, remains but the slimmest hope. Please join this project, stitching 25 million stitches: one stitch for each refugee.

**How does making 25 million stitches help refugees?** We believe that stitching for this project is a way for us to engage with this global crisis instead of ignoring it. And even though no single stitch can fully represent an individual, the act of stitching and the resulting work will help bring attention to the scale of the crisis. Two objectives of the project are:

1. To engage as many people as possible to raise awareness of the global refugee crisis and
2. To amass 25 million stitches to visually represent the sheer volume of this astronomical figure of refugees.

**This is a community art installation.** We are asking volunteers to hand stitch on fabric panels. We now have over 1,400 participants from 44 states and many countries overseas. However, another 1,000 panels will be needed to be stitched to add up to 25 million stitches. This huge community art project brings awareness of the immensity of the refugee crisis in a single striking fiber arts display and we can't do it without your participation! When the panels are returned to us, we will assemble them into a grand installation of everyone's personal expression of solidarity and support for the refugees along with the first names of all the participants.

**Our first full installation** will be at the Verge Center for the Arts, 625 S Street, Sacramento - June 5, 2020-August 15 Opening Reception: Friday June 5, 2020, 5-7pm

Participating in the project: If you are interested in stitching, please fill out the enrollment form: <https://forms.gle/b9pTuEqBBVg7BLJr8>

- Deborah Shealy



## THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO BRING TO MONDAY'S MEETING

1. A dish for the holiday banquet that starts at 6 PM.
2. A wrapped sewing or quilting gift costing \$5 or less if you want to participate in the Gift Exchange.
3. Your quilted trading card, if you have made one.
4. A quilt for the "What is Virginia known For?" display, if you made one.
5. Quilts you'd like to show and tell.
6. Finished comfort quilts to turn in.
7. Moving boxes and packing material for Linda Badger
8. Your name tag - Let's get to know each other!
9. A friend who is interested in quilting.

**And, of course you will need to bring!**

**Your wonderful Holiday Spirit to start this beautiful Season!!**





Happiest of Holidays!

Enjoy and make wonderful memories!!

