



**January 2020 Newsletter**  
Star Quilters Guild of Roanoke, Virginia,  
and the surrounding area of the  
beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains  
<http://starquilters.org/>

**Our January Program:  
"Needle Felting" by Nancy Collins**

at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke  
on Monday, January 13, at 7 PM

*Because of the holiday, our January meeting falls on the second Monday.*



Please join us at our January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as Nancy Collins recounts her development from taking a knitted object and shrinking it in the washing machine -- on purpose! -- to her use of a new needle-felting machine. She will present a trunk show featuring many of the beautiful objects and clothes she has created.

Nancy retired in 2017 from the Salem Library as Head of Reference after a forty-year career as a librarian. Even as a child she was drawn to fabric and textiles, starting first with knitting and progressing through the eras of crewel embroidery, bargello needlepoint, counted cross-stitch, beading, and recently weaving. However, it was the process of felting wool that enthralled her and sparked her creative imagination.

Nancy lives in Wirtz, Virginia, with her husband and two cats. She has taken many felting classes, including ones at the Kentucky Fiber Festival, Floyd Center for the Arts, Studio School of Roanoke, the Lexington (Kentucky) Fiber Guild, and the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina. (more on page 2).

**Quiltessas Will Meet on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Quiltessas will meet on Friday, January 3rd, from 10 to 2 at Our Lady of Nazareth Church on Electric Road. Comfort quilt kits and advice will be available for anyone who wants them, or you can bring projects of your own to work on in the company of friends. Bring a lunch and drink for yourself, too.

## Our January Program: "Needle Felting" (continued)

Nancy will be assisted by Judy Coffman, who showed her felted portrait of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains (pictured at right) at our December meeting. She says she will be Nancy's "Vanna White," pointing to items of interest and turning over quilts.



## The Challenge Block Drawing

Another exciting event at our January meeting will be the beginning of a Quilt Block Lottery. Dawn Schaben will be giving out 10-inch squares of focus fabric (Floral Flight by Wilmington Prints). We are asking that you make a 12.5-inch block using this fabric. If you need some inspiration for a 12.5-inch block, most of Pat Sloan's free blocks are 12.5 inches.



You can make more than one block, and for each block that you make, you will receive one entry in the drawing for the quilt blocks.

All blocks should be turned in to Dawn by the meeting on Monday, April 6. The drawing for the blocks will be at the May Social on Monday, May 4. (If enough blocks are turned in, we will have 2 or even 3 drawings.) You do not need to be present to win.

Dawn would like to thank Quilting Essentials at 405 Apperson Drive in Salem for ordering the fabric for the challenge and for giving the guild a 10% discount. Remember, if you mention that you are a guild member when you check out at Quilting Essentials, you too will get a 10% discount!

## CRAFTS IN AMERICA

Sue Berry recommends the PBS show called *Crafts in America*. She particularly enjoyed the recent one on QUILTS. "Learn about contemporary quilters as we celebrate the role quilts have played in our country's story."

You can watch a preview here: [https://www.pbs.org/craft-in-america/?campaign=pbshomefeatures\\_4\\_craftinamerica\\_2007-05-27](https://www.pbs.org/craft-in-america/?campaign=pbshomefeatures_4_craftinamerica_2007-05-27)

And recently it was available on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWtboRxFtgs>

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

### What's Ahead at our Monday Meetings

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 patterns.

March - Kevin Womack Art -Trunk Show. Kevin will share creations spanning 30+ years. His experiments in hand-dyeing and patterning fabrics has produced unique fabrics and clothing, which he exhibits and sells. See <https://www.kevinwomackart.com/about>

April - Lisa Alley with Bear Hugs Quiltworks. Lisa will tell the story of how she became a quilter who has made over 600 quilts. She will show pattern samples and explain how they were created. There will be patterns for sale, laughter, and prizes!

May - Our Spring Social

~Dawn Schaben, Program Chair

### YOU CAN HELP TO PLAN PROGRAMS FOR THE GUILD

In May 2020, I will be stepping down as Program Chair. I would like anyone out there who is interested in working with programs to start working with me now. (It could be more than one person.) Talk to me if you are interested in planning programs. It will be exciting to have a new perspective!

~ Dawn Schaben <dschaben@aol.com>

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The Virginia Quilt Museum is closed for the season and will reopen on February 18, 2020. Read about 2020 exhibits here: <http://www.vaqilmuseum.org/future-exhibits-1>

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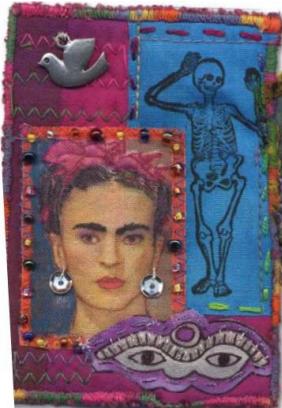
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## Busy Hands

Join a group of members working on handwork projects. We will meet on the 3rd Monday, January 20th -- unless it's snowing! -- at the Starbucks coffee shop in Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Tanglewood Mall around 6:30 for an hour and a half.

Any questions, text Ann Ware.



## Here's Your Second Chance - Make a Quilted Trading Card to Exchange

Make a "trading card" to exchange at our January meeting. All you have to do is make a VERY LITTLE quilt ( $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  inches). Bling is fun, and do include some quilting!

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

## Comfort Quilts Report

The week before Christmas, Ethel Simmons and I delivered  
34 quilts to Turning Points Shelter  
12 quilts to the Ronald McDonald House  
19 quilts to the Blue Ridge Women's Center  
31 quilts to Family Promise

Thanks to all those who participated in making our service project such a success.  
~ Judy Bradley

## Guild Income and Expenses May 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

Income \$3,595

Expenses \$2,334

December 2019 Cash-on-hand: \$15,445

I have sold another \$150 of Judi Byrd quilts and quilt room supplies. This makes a total of \$1,128 from the sale of Judi's gift to the guild. 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, memberships for this accounting year paid in this year, memberships paid during the previous accounting year for this year, and the proceeds from Judi's estate.

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

## Minutes of Star Quilters Guild Monthly Meeting on December 2, 2019

Our December meeting was a celebration of the holiday season with our Pot Luck Social. The dining tables were beautifully decorated and the serving tables were loaded with delicious food. The meal commenced at 6:10. We also had a few announcements, Challenge Quilt judging, and Show and Tell.

### Announcements

**Virginia Challenge Quilt Judging:** Eight members' challenge entries were on display. Entrants were invited to explain their quilt. Members in attendance were given three Hershey kisses to register their votes for best entries, with the results to be reported at the end of the meeting.

**Trading Card Exchange:** Trading cards were on display. The cards will be exchanged at the January meeting to give other members more time to participate.

**Hospitality:** Chair Gisela O'Connor announced the December birthdays.

**Special Events:** Chair Cathy Russell announced that the 2020 retreat will be held in September at the 4H Center in Moneta. The cost per person is \$280.

**Membership:** Chair Jennifer Adams announced that she will send membership directory additions and corrections by email.

### Show and Tell

Members displayed completed UFOs from many years ago, a Dresden Plate quilt in Christmas colors, snowmen, a Pat Sloan Merry and Bright quilt, a grandson's birthday quilt, convergence quilts, a Bonnie Hunter scrappy bargello, and a country rail fence from scraps. We also had a 'tell': Blue Ridge Quilt Guild will sponsor National Quilt Day on March 14, 2020, with Deborah Schupp slated to speak on "How I Ignore the Quilt Police."

### Closing

Members who chose to participate in the Gift Exchange formed a circle and passed gifts around in the style of Musical Chairs.

The Challenge Quilt winners were announced: Judy McWhorter's round hand-embroidered quilt of Virginia scenes won first place; Judy Coffman's felted scene of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains won second place; and Donna Connor's State Crustacean Scallop won third place. Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated! The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Note: The January meeting will take place on the second Monday, January 13.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Claire Hightower, Secretary*



to Guild members born in January

2 Dawn Schaben	11 Laura Perry
7 Kyoko Yamamura	16 David Yeager
8 Jo Bell	18 Sallie Powers
8 Janet Chappel	20 Judy Bradley
10 Mary Ann Maurelli	27 Sheila Phipps
27 Nancy Oldham	

### Celebrate National Quilt Day on March 14, 2020

The Blue Ridge Quilt Guild will sponsor our local celebration of National Quilt Day on March 14, 2020. Guild members who attended this event last time will remember how much fun it was! This year's event will be held at the same place, Colonial Baptist Church off of Mountain Pass Road, Blue Ridge, Virginia. This is a drive of less than 30 minutes from our regular meeting place.

The featured speaker will be Deborah Schupp, who will explain "How I Ignore the Quilt Police."

The Blue Ridge Quilt Guild is working on blocks for a quilt which will be awarded in a drawing at the event.

### A Quick Tip about Kwik Klips

Guild member Loretta Twiford has asked that our members be informed that the maker of the Kwik Klip is closing up shop after 28 years. Once the inventory is gone, the Kwik Klip and their amazing pin covers will never be made again. Many guild members will have seen Eleanor Burns use these tools, which makes using safety pins to baste a quilt together much easier. Order for yourself or as a gift for new quilters.

Check out the Kwik Klip and other safety pin tools on their website - [www.paulajeancreations.com](http://www.paulajeancreations.com) - and pass the word along.

### An Important Note about our Quilt Retreat 2020

The date for the Star Quilters Guild retreat has been changed. The new date is WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH. I hope these days work for everybody who was planning to come! I will need a \$50 deposit from participants no later than the February meeting.

~ Cathy Russell [bfmshmk@yahoo.com](mailto:bfmshmk@yahoo.com)



At the Guild Christmas Party I received a gift in the gift exchange and could not find a name on the package. To whomever gave me a storage box, hand cream and snippers, thank you very much. I love the snippers - just starting using them and can't believe how efficient they make cutting off all the little strings that accumulate while quilting.

- Sue Berry



<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>



### Floyd Arts Center 2020 Raffle Quilt

The Floyd Quilt Guild made this beautiful wool applique quilt for the Floyd Arts Center of Floyd, Virginia, to raffle during 2020. The quilt was beautifully quilted by our member, Linda Whisman. Please see Sue Berry to buy raffle tickets.



*Legend has it that he parked his car  
in the shade of these trees  
while his wife was  
at the Quilt Show.*

*Posted to facebook by  
Ontario Quebec Row by Row Experience*

## **Find Out What's so Fascinating ... Come to the Planning Meeting for Our 2021 Quilt Show**

Drum roll please!! It's time to begin planning for the 2021 Quilt Show. The first monthly meeting will be Tuesday, January 21st, 6:30 pm, at the Roanoke Church of Christ, 2606 Brandon Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA. I'm hoping all of the successful 2019 team will return along with others wanting to share in the comraderie and fun. For our new Guild members, this is a great opportunity to forge new quilting friendships and learn the intricacies of putting on this much-anticipated quilt show. This meeting, while mainly organizational, will review the 2019 Quilt Show, comparing budget to actual expenses, and prepare the 2021 Quilt Show budget.

~ Judy Coffman, Quilt Show Chair

### **LOOKING AHEAD (AND REGISTERING BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE) -- WORKSHOPS OF INTEREST IN MAY AND AUGUST 2020**

Exploring Textures on Silk with Dyeing and Felting

A 2-Day Workshop with Vickie Clontz

Wednesday, May 6th and Thursday, May 7th, 2020

For more information, registration form, and supply list please visit

<http://kutauber.wix.com/the-quilting-party>

"Jared Takes A Wife" - a workshop by Bonnie Hunter

Sunday, August 2nd, 2020

<https://kutauber.wixsite.com/the-quilting-party/workshop>

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I have picked up from my son the habit of saying "Twenty nineteen" instead of "Two thousand nineteen." As 2019 was winding down, I mentioned that I hadn't seen any visual puns about Twenty-Twenty being the year for Good Vision. Clever Guild member Jill Moody then created this graphic especially for us quilters. Thank you, Jill!

~ Laura Perry, Editor

