



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

**Our February Program:**  
**"Let's Talk Rulers" by Phyllis Reeves**

at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke  
on Monday, February 3, at 7 PM

Phyllis Reeves has 23 years' experience teaching and specializes in scrap and string piecing. Many of our Guild members know Phyllis already because they enjoyed Phyllis's workshop on making her "Aura" quilt in April 2019.

Phyllis will explain the basic Studio 180 rulers and their functions. She will concentrate on the ones that make the most common shapes and can be used with any pattern.

She will demonstrate how to use the rulers and explain how they can improve accuracy in quilting and why they are so easy to use. Plus, she will show what "else" you can do with the rulers by introducing technique sheets for each ruler.

<http://www.thevalleyquilter.com/>



**NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD QUILT LOVERS  
TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR GUILD**

If you would like to be an officer of the Guild or serve on a committee, NOW is the time to say so! The Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of officers at the March meeting. After elections in April, the President will be appointing committee members. Whether you feel ready for a leadership position or prefer to do your good work behind the scenes, there is a place for you among the Guild's officers and committee members.

Talk it over with one of the Nominating Committee - or, if you're shy, have a friend mention it to them! They are Kathy Wickham, Claire Hightower, and Nancy Oldham.

## Officers and Committee Chairs until May 1, 2020

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.

## What's Ahead at our Monday Meetings

### March - Kevin Womack Art -Trunk Show

Kevin Womack is a textile artist living in Lynchburg. We will join Kevin on a tour of his quilting journey as he shares dozens of examples of his work spanning 30+ years. Starting in 1986, when his maternal grandmother introduced him to quilting, we will follow his path through traditional quilting to art quilting, and then to the hand dyeing and surface-design techniques that fascinate him today.

If you are familiar with his work, you will be delighted to learn that Kevin will also be selling hand-dyed scarves, t-shirts and fabrics before and after the program. See

<https://www.kevinwomackart.com/about>

### April - Lisa Alley from Bear Hugs Quiltworks.

Lisa will narrate the story of how she became a quilter. In the 20 years she has been quilting, she has made over 600 quilts! She loves quilts, all quilts.

She will bring pattern samples and explain how they came about. She will also be bringing her patterns to vend. There will be laughter and prizes!

May - In May, we will have our Spring Social, when members get lots of good things to eat and a chance to sit down and talk to each other.

~Dawn Schaben, Program Chair

## Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Monthly Meeting on January 13, 2020

President Judy McWhorter called our meeting to order promptly at 7:00. She started our meeting with two announcements, followed by our program, business meeting, and Show and Tell.

### Announcements

National Quilting Day: A local event to celebrate National Quilting Day will be held on March 14 at Colonial Baptist Church. Blue Ridge Quilters Guild is sponsoring the event.

Quilt Retreat: Those who wish to participate in our September 16-20 Quilt Retreat at the 4-H Center need to sign up with Cathy Russell and provide your deposit by the end of February.

### Program

Program Chair Dawn Schaben introduced our speakers, Nancy Collins and member Judy Coffman, who presented an informative program on Felting. Nancy has been felting for 20 years, and she piqued Judy's interest in this hobby about two years ago. Nancy's career as a librarian gave her access to many craft books which she used to teach herself to felt. She describes herself as passionate about felting. One felting technique, wet felting, starts with knit or woven wool which is washed in water with soap such as Dawn dish detergent or olive oil soap and then put in the drier. Expect up to 40% shrinkage using this method. The soap allows the scales which coat the wool fiber (who knew?) to bind together, causing the item to shrink. Wet felting is labor intensive. Nancy discovered needle felting, done on a loom with 300 needles, at fiber festivals. This dry felting method uses needles to lock wool fibers together. The wool can be needled onto silk or quilting fabric, though the piece may have to be run through the loom many times. Nuno felting uses a loosely woven fabric such as gauze or a merino wool bat as a backing with a wool or sometimes silk design on the top to create a lightweight felted fabric. Nancy pointed out that wool batting is not the same as a wool bat, with the wool bat being looser than batting. Nancy passed many samples of her work around for close examination. Judy's second-place Virginia Challenge felted piece was on display.

### Business Meeting

Secretary's Report: The secretary's minutes of the December meeting appeared in the January newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported on our current balance. The books have been audited.

Hospitality: Chair Gisela O'Connor announced the January birthdays.

Membership: Chair Jennifer Adams reported that 60 members and three guests were in attendance.

Ways and Means: Our guild earned \$213.10 from the sale of items on the Ways and Means table.

Programs: Our February program will be a presentation by Phyllis Reeves on Studio 180 rulers.

Quilt Show Meeting: Chair Judy Coffman announced that the first meeting of the 2021 Quilt Show Committee will take place at Roanoke Church of Christ on January 21 from 6:30 to 8:00. All are invited to participate.

Bylaws: A committee has reviewed and proposed updates to our bylaws. These will be reviewed by the Board at their upcoming meeting.

Nominating Committee: The president has appointed a nominating committee to find a slate of candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The committee members are Kathy Wickham, Nancy Oldham and Claire Hightower. Please contact one of them if you are interested in running for one of these offices. The candidates will be announced at our March meeting.

Quilt Block Lottery: Dawn Schaben announced that those who wish to participate may take home a 10-inch square of fabric she provided, use this fabric to make a quilt square, and bring the result to the April meeting for entry into a lottery. Dawn provided a slip of basic rules along with the fabric square.

Mystery Block: Ann Ware announced a Mystery Block for those who wish to participate. She provided a fabric square with instructions for completing the block with two fabrics plus white. Please bring your result to the March meeting for entry into a drawing.

Special Event: Chair Cathy Russell reported that thirteen members have signed up for the retreat so far; there is room for eleven more. A deposit of \$50 is needed by February; the total cost is \$285. The event will be held at the 4H center in Franklin County.

#### Show and Tell

Members showed off their quilting skills. Some of the items were traditional (log cabin, tumbler blocks, blossom baskets), non-traditional (convergence, one block wonder), stash busters (fabric made from scraps, leftover triangles), mixed media (felted quilt), and wearables (quilted vest, shopping bag, knitted socks) and more. Thanks to all for sharing their wonderful accomplishments!

#### Closing

The meeting adjourned at 8:31. The next meeting will take place on February 3.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Claire Hightower, Secretary*



#### **BUSY HANDS**

Join a group of members working on hand projects. We'll meet at Barnes & Noble Tanglewood around 6:30 on February 17th. Time to get a head start on those Christmas gifts our family and friends love to receive from us.

Any questions, text Ann Ware.



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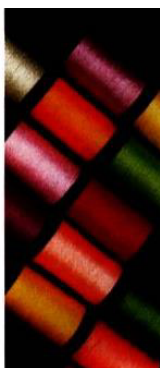
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## ANN'S MYSTERY BLOCK

I hope everyone is working on sewing the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks for the final block. If you were not at the meeting in January, I do have extra center blocks and instructions for you. Remember, in February I will give you instructions telling you how to construct the block.

All blocks will be on display at the meeting in March, and we will have a drawing.

~ Ann Ware.



### FABRIC NEEDED

$4\frac{1}{2}$ " center fabric (furnished - see above. Choose fabrics that go with it.)

Fabric #1 - cut 8 squares, each  $3\frac{1}{4}$ "

Fabric #2 - cut 8 squares, each  $3\frac{1}{4}$ "

Background fabric - white

Cut 12 squares each  $3\frac{1}{4}$ "

Cut 4 squares each  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

### INSTRUCTIONS

Make half-square triangles as follows:

6 each of Fabric 1 and white background fabric (total 12 blocks)

6 each of Fabric 2 and white background fabric (total 12 blocks)

2 each of Fabric 1 and Fabric 2 (total 4 blocks)

Square each block to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

You will end up with 32 blocks:

4 blocks with fabric 1 and fabric 2

12 blocks fabric 1 and background (white) fabric

12 blocks with fabric 2 and background (white) fabric

4 blocks solid background (white)

To keep them organized, put blocks that are the same together in a ziploc bag.

JOANN



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### WANT TO DONATE TO PROJECT LINUS?

Project Linus collects new, handmade, washable blankets and afghans to give to children (newborn to 18 years old), hospitalized or otherwise in need.

There is a box for these blankets near the front of the Joann Store at Towers. The blankets can be quilted, knitted, crocheted, or no-sew (fleece). So even if your quilts go to our Comfort Quilts project, you may have other blankets to donate.

<https://www.projectlinus.org/>

## **Guild Income and Expenses May 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020**

Income \$3,978

Expenses \$2,795

January 31, 2020 Cash-on-hand: \$15,367

I have sold another \$130 of Judi Byrd quilts and quilt room supplies. This makes a total of \$1,258 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

### **Exploring Textures on Silk with Dyeing and Felting a 2-Day Workshop with Vickie Clontz Wednesday, May 6th and Thursday, May 7th, 2020**

This two-day workshop with Vickie Clontz will feature several dyeing and felting techniques using non-toxic dyes, including silk marbling, stenciling, ice dyeing, texturizing and resist techniques. Day 2 will continue the dyeing processes as well as starting on the layout of a unique fiber art piece. Wool bead, boro stitching, and more will be demonstrated.

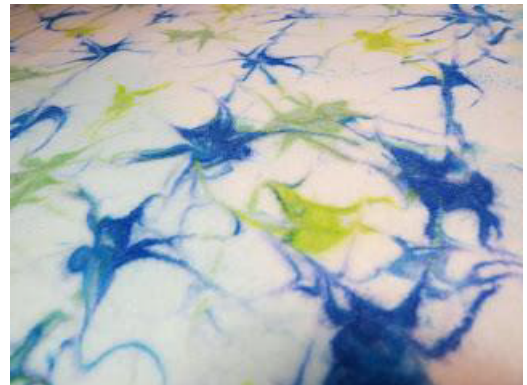
Registration is open

\$110 for members of The Quilting Party, TAVA, Floyd Quilt Guild

\$130 workshop fee per person for non-members

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

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



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





... to some of our favorite people, who happen to have been born in February

*4 Kelly Zuber*

*6 Susan Butler*

*8 Ginny Vaden*

*12 Kathy Bauman*

*14 Karen Lubeck*

*15 Vickie Kuhlman*

*16 Kitty DeLapp*

*18 Susan Kraterfield*

*20 Angela Brannan*

*27 Ann Ware*

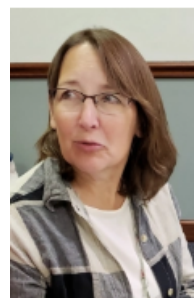
## **Celebrate National Quilt Day on March 14, 2020**

The Blue Ridge Quilters invite you to a celebration of National Quilt Day on  
Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:30 am to 2 pm.

Join us in Blue Ridge for Deborah Schupp's talk on "How I Ignore the Quilt Police," drawings for door prizes, lunch, a display of quilts, and a celebration of our love of quilting!

Registrations are available from Blue Ridge Quilting Guild members, or you can get one at February's meeting from Kathy Wickham ----->

We are also still accepting sponsors and door prize donations until February 28th. Sponsor ads cost \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100, depending upon size, and I have those forms, too.



Think about donating a door prize, too. They can be quilts or anything related to quilting or sewing. Gift certificates from any business or sponsor will be much appreciated, too.

Feel free to bring a quilt you've made to show and tell.

The Blue Ridge Quilters are making an opportunity quilt. It is a scrappy blue and green chevron design that is like an abstract of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Each registration includes one ticket for the drawing, and more are available for purchase.

A map and registration form are on the next page.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day. Hope to see you there.

~ Kathy Wickham [roycekathy82@gmail.com](mailto:roycekathy82@gmail.com)

Blue Ridge Quilters Guild presents  
**National Quilting Day – 2020**

Saturday, March 14, 2020

9:30 AM until 2:00 PM

Colonial Baptist Church, 221 Hillcrest Drive, Blue Ridge, VA 24064

\$25.00 per person pre-registered

\$15.00 age 16 and under

Tickets available at the door do not include lunch.

Pre-registration includes lunch, door prizes, and one opportunity to win our donation quilt.

Additional donation quilt opportunities are available: \$1 each or six (6) for \$5  
(Please include this amount in your check)

Featured Speaker:

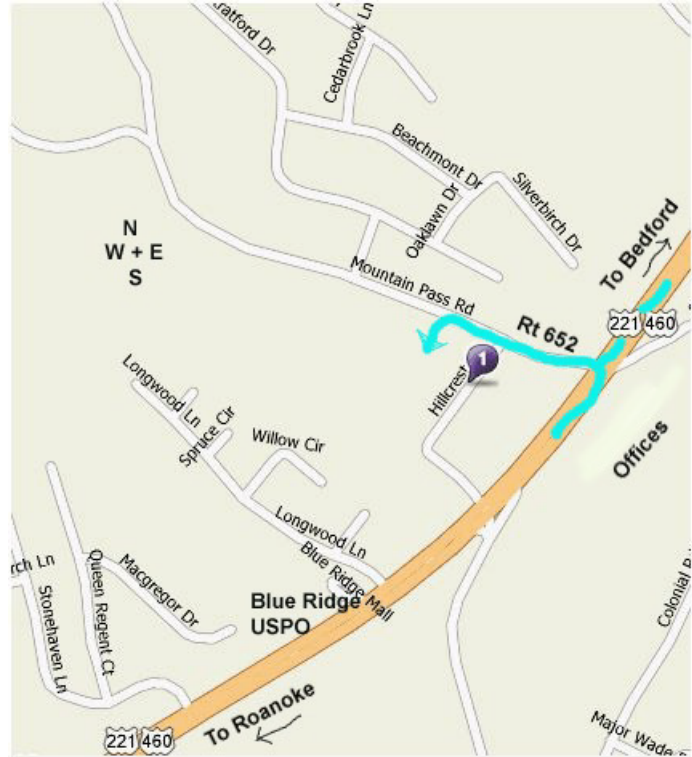
**Deborah Schupp**

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Her topic: "How I Ignore the Quilt Police"

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**BLUE RIDGE QUILT GUILD**

National Quilting Day - 2020 Registration Form

Deadline to register: February 28, 2020

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guild Name/City: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I would like to participate in Show and Tell \_\_\_ My Guild would like a display table

Lunch Choice: \_\_\_ Turkey Sandwich \_\_\_ Ham Sandwich \_\_\_ Mixed Salad

Number of additional donation quilt opportunities desired: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NEWS FROM LINDA BADGER

My Mom and I have settled on a new home in Florida and plan to move in March possibly... It depends on when we can sell our current house.



THANK YOU for helping my Mom (Bobbi Badger) and me get ready to MOVE. We packed a couple hundred boxes already. I contacted a mover who will pack the rest. So we don't need any more boxes or newspapers....THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND YOUR FRIENDSHIP....

We have a number of larger items (beds, furniture, tools, etc.) we are trying to sell: We are still deciding what to take with us, so phone 540-334-1801 to make sure we're home at 211 Spruce Lane in Callaway and then come over to make an offer.

We also have a bunch of FREE STUFF, and you'll want to see that too!

Look us up when you visit the east coast of Florida....

Linda and Roberta (Bobbi) Badger

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## Upcoming Classes at Alpine Sewing Machine Company

Quilting and Sewing Classes - Call or stop by the store on Brambleton Avenue for complete details on these classes and for information about embroidery classes. In general, you have to purchase your materials from Alpine (with a 10% discount).

Wednesday, March 11th	Make a Sewing Machine Cover
Saturday, March 21st	Free-Motion Quilting
Monday, March 23rd	Continuous Outline Embroidery (can be used on quilts)
Wednesday, April 1st	T-Shirt Quilt
Tuesday, April 14th	Ruler Quilting
Wednesday, May 6th	Free-Motion Skills Builder
Monday, May 11th	Custom Quilting in the Hoop

## Art Quilts (aka Starry Eyed Quilters)

This group meets mostly on 4th Monday evenings at 7 pm, with some daytime "play dates" for experiments that take 3 or more hours.

We meet in members' homes, and use a private Facebook group for communication. Ask to be put on our mailing list, too.

In the next few months, we are going to be experimenting with Shibori and Indigo dyeing. If that sounds good to you, come play with the Starry Eyes!

Fabric Prep: March 19 at 7 pm

Nancy Oldham (by hand) and Arlene Blackburn (with a sewing machine) will show us how to stitch and gather tightly to make a "resist" design in the fabric before you immerse it in dye. For hands-on practice, bring a few fat quarters or possibly half-yards. White muslin, linen, or silk; no synthetics. Prewash everything. Also needles, strong thread, and scissors.

Dye Day: May 7 or May 9, 10-4

Bring prepared fabric (up to 5-6 Fat Quarters). Bring lunch for yourself. There will be some PVC pipe for pole wrapping if you like. If you use glue or any other resist, be sure it is NOT water soluble ... it can come off and taint the brew.

An easy book I recommend is *A Handbook of Indigo Dyeing* by Vivien Prideaux. YOU are invited. RSVP to Guild member Susan Kraterfield.

## A SALE IN FANCY GAP

Cathy Russell shares the news that Fancy Gap Pottery will be offering 50% off selected fabrics on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 9 am to 5:30 pm.

The store is at 350 Pottery Drive in Fancy Gap, Virginia, right off Exit 8 on Interstate 77 ... about 90 minutes from Roanoke. Phone (276) 728-9524.

<https://www.fancygap pottery.com> and on facebook



## MORE COMFORT QUILT KITS ARE ON THE WAY!

Generous people have donated a lot of nice fabrics to use in making comfort quilts, and the Quiltessas met on January 14th to start cutting blocks to make comfort quilt kits.

Loretta Twiford and Ethel Simmons were among the people who showed up to help prepare the fabric.

*Photo by Kyoko Yamamura*

## NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM

A Stash Blast will take place at the Virginia Quilt Museum at 301 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, on February 8, 2020, from 9 am to 1 pm. Fabric will be on sale for \$9.00 a pound. This is a great way to support the museum while getting a great deal on fabric! <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/events-1>

Please note that you will not be able to see Museum exhibits on the day of the Stash Blast. Museum displays will reopen on February 18, 2020.

The Virginia Quilt Museum will be hosting four new exhibits during the start of 2020. "Rescue, Repair, Recycle, Reinvent," by Jennifer Emory explores how old quilts can be repurposed into new designs. "Then and Now - Beyond Tradition" by Linda Fielder showcases her early and newer works side by side. "No Fabric / No Rules," curated by Trudi Van Dyke, is a 3D-art installation that represents how quilt patterns can be present in non-fabric materials. "Treasures from the Vault" is a showcase of quilts from the Virginia Quilt Museum's permanent collection. [www.vaquiltmuseum.org](http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org)

**SPRING INTO QUILTING.** For this new challenge we are looking for 15" by 15" Mini Quilts from talented artists that remind us of Spring. Send in your entry + \$10 before April 1, 2020. These quilts will be on display at the museum from April 1, 2020 to July 14, 2020.

<http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/2020-spring-into-quilting-challenge>

The Museum's 2020 Opportunity Quilt, the "Conversation Quilt," is based on a quilt of the same name in the permanent collection. It is made from quilt blocks submitted by supporters of the museum. ----->

To learn more about the quilt and to purchase tickets, which are \$1 each, go here:

<http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/2020-opportunity-quilt>



## 25 MILLION STITCHES - ONE FOR EACH REFUGEE

December's newsletter explained the 25 Million Stitches project. It now has a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/25millionstitches/?modal=composer>



## REPORT OF THE 2021 QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

Fifteen guild members came to the first Quilt Show planning meeting on January 21st. They confirmed Judy Coffman as chair of the group, and she announced that Claire Hightower had agreed to be co-chair. Several other guild members have agreed to work on the show, although there is always room for more volunteers!

The group approved the use of the Berglund Center for the show and chose the dates April 9-10, 2021. Then they discussed costs of the show and put together a budget to submit to the guild. By the way, the Quilt Show has always been financially self-supporting. It does not take money from the Guild, except that it uses some of the money earned at the previous show to finance the next show.

### DAWN'S QUILT BLOCK LOTTERY

Dawn Schaben passed out 10-inch squares of fabric for interested members to make a 12½" quilt square. The finished blocks should be brought to the April 6th meeting. For each block that you make, you will receive one entry in the drawing for the quilt blocks.

Dawn will have more of these blocks and instruction sheets to share at the February and March meetings.

Here's one example of what you could do:

Kristen Farwig's block ----->



## THE 2020 STAR QUILTERS GUILD RETREAT

September 16th - 20th

I still have spots available for our 2020 Star Quilters Guild Retreat on Wednesday, September 16th through Sunday, September 20th. It will be at the 4H Center on Smith Mountain Lake in Franklin County again.

The cost has gone up a tiny bit, to \$285 from \$280 from last year. But it is worth it. This fee includes food and lodging.

This retreat will be the best decision you can make! There will be sewing all day, a chance to get quilting done without interruptions for cooking or cleaning, good fellowship, a look at what others are making, a quilt store coming to us, and over-all FUN.

Please text or email me that you want to be on the list ASAP.

Right now, I need a deposit of \$50 from everybody planning to attend. You can pay me at the February meeting, or mail it to me at my address as listed in our Membership Directory. If you want to send the entire \$285 now, that would be great!

Thank you.

~ Cathy Summers Russell, Special Events Chair

## MEASURE TWICE - CUT ONCE NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

### Measuring Stuff

by Ami Simms

When I was little, I remember my mother measuring fabric. She'd hold one end out as far as her arm would go and then she'd bring the other end to the tip of her nose. She would announce that the fabric measured "about a yard." I was so impressed. I thought she was *smelling* how long it was.

Turns out, the length of your arm, from your fingertips to your nose (when you have your head facing forward), is about 36 inches. Just like two wraps around a thick bolt of fabric is about a yard. And your hand gesturing "call me" is pretty close to 6" from pinky to thumb. (If you are a quilter, you just folded first, middle, and ring fingers down towards your palm and ran over to your cutting mat to see if that was true.) If you're a piano player, you mentally fingered an octave. A dollar bill is about 6" long, but if you want to get technical, it's actually 6 and 3/16."

Usually, when we measure, we quilters do want to get technical. How many rotary rulers do you have kicking around? Yardsticks? Floppy cloth measuring tapes? Manly Stanley metal retractable tape measures that could remove a finger as they whiz back into the case from 15 feet away? There's even a Tape Measure App for your iPhone!

### JOIN US AT THE QUILT SHOW PLANNING COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 18th

The February meeting of the 2021 Quilt Show Committee will be on Tuesday, February 18th, at 6:30 pm at the Roanoke Church of Christ, 2606 Brandon Avenue SW in Roanoke. I'm excited about the returning members and interest of new members -- it's an enthusiastic group. The topics for this meeting are discussion of what the focus of this show will be, forming committees, presentation of the names of judges under consideration, selection of our Featured Artist, a report from the Vendors and Sponsors Committee, and most fun of all -- brainstorming for the show theme. Please join us at this (or any) meeting, as the room is large and the group is welcoming!

~ Judy Coffman, Quilt Show Chair



*Happy Valentine's Day!*