



**March 2021 Newsletter**  
**Star Quilters Guild of Roanoke, Virginia**  
**and the surrounding area of the**  
**beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains**

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## **GUILD BUSINESS**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It's been an exciting winter so far with two months of great presentations and a Free Motion Quilt Zoom Workshop!! We've got Neva Hart and Kelly Zuber's presentations coming up and two more great workshops if enough people sign up to fill the classes. If you're on the fence about taking the workshops - just try it once! We kept the price low by dividing the cost by the maximum students the teacher could handle. Keep in mind, by having the workshop on Zoom, the price is even lower than in-person, because of no need for travel, hotel, or food expenses. Please take a look at the workshop reviews on FB from the FMQ class in February. Opportunities are amazing when we can connect with teachers across the country and even around the world.

The Guild Board met in February and is planning exciting new things to help continue our educational experiences, our community outreach and opportunities to bring a hybrid

system of learning, sharing and socializing to every member!! All you have to do is connect with us. We are planning this coming year's activities as well as long-range 5 year goals to consider future avenues of development. Contact me and let me know what you want to see Star Quilters Guild develop.

We hope to have a few in-person meetings as the weather changes and we can be outside, but we'll also need to have alternatives if the weather is bad. So hold-on-tight, we're in for more interesting and fun experiences.

*JOY-fully,*  
*Bonnie Scott*



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Star Quilters Guild website:

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### ***Please Welcome New Members...***

**Kay Pungitore was born in Maine and has lived in Massachusetts for 36 years.** Her grandmother knitted and hooked rugs, but no one in her family quilted and her daughter has no desire to quilt. Kay has an uncle who lives in Moneta and one day when he was leaving Kroger's he picked up a bunch of magazines to read at home. One was an issue of Lifestyles of 50+ for seniors and he read an article about the Star City Quilters in it, so he called Kay and that is how she found out about our guild and joined. In 1981 when Kay was single living in Massachusetts, she frequented antique shops and admired the quilts that she could not afford. PBS had a "Crazy Quilt" series on television by Penny McMorris. That series was the beginning of Kay's quilting learning experience and now she could make quilts for herself. [NOTE: Penny McMorris is the cofounder of "The Electric Quilt Company" with her husband.] In the 90's Kay joined her first guild and learned a lot from the other members. She is a traditionalist, likes to hand applique, but is also a scrappy girl and the more pieces the merrier. She is working on new techniques such as color combinations and free motion quilting. Kay says there is no end to learning and she doesn't get bored. "Quilts speak to us."

**Louise Slates has been in Norfolk for 10 years.** Her mother was "allergic to sewing," her daughter "anti-sewing," but her sister in Chicago used to do a little bit. When she was in college, a good friend from New York introduced her to the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show. Louise was inspired and started piecing and quilting by hand. She needed to make a baby quilt and Eleanor Burns' "Quilt in a Day" hooked her after that. She has progressed to machine quilting and enjoys it as much as piecing. Louise has been organizing her stash and not saving anything less than 3x5, but her friend who makes dog beds takes the smaller scraps. Louise has other hobbies of cooking and has been taking a cookie decorating class on-line using piping royal icing. On Jeopardy the other night, she knew all the terms of the baking category!

**Lisa Smith grew up in upstate New York, attended the College of William and Mary and has been in Williamsburg for 32 years.** Her in-laws live in Salem. Her mother did not teach her to sew. Lisa would walk to the neighbor's house for sewing lessons and she learned to sew clothing and home décor. [Note: Her neighbor is 103 years old now.] Lisa got interested in quilting from a teaching assistant at school and when she retired from her reading specialist position, she could sew and create even more. She has a Bernina Q20 longarm machine and has been doing ruler work and free motion. Lisa says she her latest endeavor is perfecting applique. Lisa and her husband like to travel and look forward to someday taking that cruise to Alaska they had planned, but they also enjoy camping at national parks.

**Karen Taylor was born in Washington DC, grew up in Maryland, and lived in Northern Virginia for nearly 30 years, until retiring in 2013 -- a real "Metro area native."** She and her husband, Ken, (and their two sons) had been vacationing at Smith Mountain Lake for the last 15 to 20 years, enjoying the lake with their antique wood boat. When they started thinking about where to enjoy their retirement years, SML was a natural. Ken was from Montana, spending much of his childhood summers at Flathead Lake in the mountains, the SML area was perfect for him, retiring to Bedford in 2014 was a natural move. Karen retired from a career as an interior designer in Arlington, VA where she enjoyed helping with color and design since she ...

... has an “eye for color.” She started quilting by making the 9-patch block pattern when working with a colleague who quilted, and she wanted to make a quilt for her granddaughter. Karen likes to try all forms of quilting techniques and works frequently with “scrappy projects.” As all of us, right now, she has been organizing her scraps by color, not by size. “She saves everything.” Karen just finished another big mystery quilt project and has the mystery block that she learned how to do during the class the guild offered a few weeks ago to finish.

~Donna Conner

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### **Treasurer’s Report for January 21 - February 18, 2021**

Income - \$1,157.00

Expenses - \$1,018.60

February 18, 2021 - Cash on Hand - \$11,849.11

Please email me at: [deborahmacshealy@gmail.com](mailto:deborahmacshealy@gmail.com) with any comments or questions.

Thank you-

*Deborah Shealy*

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### **Library News**

First I want to say **THANK YOU** to Susan Kraterfield for the wonderful video on searching the Guild’s library on our website. I hope everyone will check it out.

Our library has a new book coming. Step-by-step Texture Quilting by Christina Cameli will soon be a part of our library. I highly recommend her other books Step-by-step Free Motion Quilting and First Steps to free-motion quilting for your personal reference. They are both available in ebook form on Christina’s website [christinacameli.com/shop](http://christinacameli.com/shop). (And they were on sale when I last checked.

There are several other good books on free-motion quilting in the library.

60 Machine Quilting Patterns

Free-Motion Quilting by Angela Walters

Machine Quilting with Alex Anderson

I am looking forward to Neva Hart’s program “Museum Quilts & Quilts that Should be in Museums” in March. The library has several books filled with information about beautiful quilts from the past. If anyone is interested, I have

America’s Glorious Quilts and Great American Quilts (8 books) at my home. We’ll have to wait and see what books correspond to the part of Neva’s talk on quilts that should be in Museums. Let me know if you would like to borrow any books from the library.

~Kathy Wickham

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### **Comfort Quilts**

We still need four more boy quilts to be turned in to meet our goal for the Hope Tree Project.

We have plenty for girls now. If members get in touch with me([BRADxJUDE@aol.com](mailto:BRADxJUDE@aol.com)), I can get these kits to them.

~Judy Bradley

## Star Quilters Guild Retreat

Please register on our Star Quilters Guild web page for the retreat in September. The retreat is held at the 4-H center at Smith Mountain Lake, a very beautiful and quiet area. Members need to sign up ASAP, so I can get the numbers to the 4-H Center. The dates are September, 22<sup>nd</sup> - September 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact me.

*Please join us for 3 1/2 days of uninterrupted sewing, good fellowship & good times.*

Thank you,

Cathy Russell

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## Busy Hands

A small group of members get together monthly to work on handwork. It is a great time to ask for advice on a problem you may be having with that special project. Wear your favorite mask and join us at Dawn Schaben's home (address in directory) around 6:30 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Email Ann Ware ([awquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:awquilts@hotmail.com)) if planning to attend so we have a count to "social distance" chairs for everyone. Watch your email for any changes, the weather has been unpredictable lately.

~Ann Ware

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## Quiltessas

The Quiltessas will start getting together again when the weather is agreeable for outdoor meetings, or when we can safely use the Fellowship Hall at OLN. Check the weekly Info to Stitch About for updates. If you have any questions, please contact me ([BRADxJU-DE@aol.com](mailto:BRADxJU-DE@aol.com)).

~Judy Bradley

## PROGRAMMING/EDUCATION

### DID YOU KNOW .....

#### "Quick Fix"

...There is a quick and effective fix for tiny tension issues that may appear on the back of your quilt when you are "free-motion quilting". If you are machine quilting using two different colors of thread for the top and in the bobbin, you can make a quick and nearly undetectable correction by using a Zig Marker (in a color to match the bobbin thread). Looking at the back of the quilt, note where the top thread is showing up in "little color picks." With just a light touch of the marker on the offending thread, the tension issue disappears. FYI, this is a top trick for a lot of the "big show" competitors. Everyone has tiny tension issues sometimes. Tuck this handy little trick in your toolbox of techniques and quick fixes.

~Arlene Blackburn

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

March 1<sup>st</sup> The Quilt Lifecycle in Four Short Lessons: Lesson 3 at 6:30 pm before the SQG meeting

March 1<sup>st</sup> Neva Hart presents “Museum Quilts & Quilts that Should be in Museums”

**PLEASE NOTE: The Zoom link will be sent by email on Sunday evening.**

April 5<sup>th</sup> Kelly Zuber presents “The Elegant Quilt: Exploring Applique”

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Party

## MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

March 20<sup>th</sup> Colourwerx “ColourBugs & Curves” (*There is room for one more person to join.*)

April 17<sup>th</sup> Carol Morissey “Fabric Postcards”

*Register at [www.startquilters.org](http://www.startquilters.org) DEADLINE MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>*

## MONTHLY CHALLENGES

April Scrappy 20 with a Twist Guild Challenge Reveal

May UFO Exchange Reveal

September SQG 40th Anniversary Guild Challenge Reveal

Wholecloth Challenge Reveal - Starry Eyed Group

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

APRIL SPRING RETREAT CANCELED!

May 8 Shopping trip to Schoolhouse Fabrics, Fancy Gap, Wythville & Radford

May 22 Shopping trip to Clifton Forge, Covington & Fairfield

June 26 Shopping trip to Pineapple Fabrics Outlet near High Point, NC

Sept 22- 26 Third Annual SQG Fall Retreat at 4-H Center, Smith Mountain Lake

*(Registration will be online soon....Questions contact Cathy Russell at 540-494-0522)*

*Details for the Monthly Programs, Workshops, Challenges and Activities can be found on the SQG website (<https://starquilters.org>)*

## The Quilt Lifecycle in Four Short Lessons (Beginner level)

### Lesson Three – “Quilting the Quilt”

Get ready for Lesson 3! Sue Thurston will be guiding us through quilting the quilt. If you missed Lesson One: “Quilt Purpose, Design/Pattern, Fabric and Thread Selection” and/or Lesson Two: “Assembling the Quilt Top” just let Jill Moody know ([rjmoody@cox.net](mailto:rjmoody@cox.net)) and she will send you the information.

The third class will begin promptly at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, (Prior to our regular guild meeting). The remaining class will be held prior to the April meeting. The classes last about 30-minutes duration with 15 minutes for instructor comments and 15 minutes for questions.

A Zoom invitation will be sent to all guild members prior to the meeting time. To join this event, please click the regular meeting Zoom link (that will be sent Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>)

Members can join the meeting between 6:15 – 6:25 pm. The handout for the March class is attached to this newsletter email for you to print out and read ahead of time.

**PLEASE** sign in as always to the Zoom link for the Monday Guild meeting between 6:15-6:25 pm so you can get directed into the “Break-Out-Room” within the meeting. The remaining class will focus on “Finishing” with Donna Kittelson.

~ Jill Moody





Neva Hart will be presenting a lecture and slideshow, “Museum Quilts and Quilts that should be in Museums,” at our March 1<sup>st</sup> guild meeting. All the quilts in her presentation were made in Virginia and she will share about a “mystery” quilt at the Virginia Quilt Museum with connections to Southwest Virginia! Neva is a well known quilt historian, quilt appraiser (retired) and known for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, Virginia. After studying Shenandoah Valley quilts for more than 30 years, Neva has great insight into Virginia’s quilting heritage. Join us on Zoom at 7pm to be educated and entertained.

~Judy Coffman

## AREAS OF INTEREST

### *MARCH BIRTHDAYS*

Gisela O’Connor 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Marilyn Newsham 9<sup>th</sup>  
Kathleen Riordan 9<sup>th</sup>  
Cathy Russell 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ann Andrews 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Jane Holmgren 25<sup>th</sup>  
Bonnie Scott 26<sup>th</sup>



~ Gisela O’Connor



An opportunity to participate in the Water Quilt Project to honor and protect the waterways of Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina threatened by the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Water protectors from these directly impacted regions as well as anyone from around the globe are invited. There are many ways to participate. Check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/ActivismVirginia> and/or [www.tinyurl.com/WaterQuiltProject](http://www.tinyurl.com/WaterQuiltProject), <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgOuscF5Bp8pMXD89KF68Qg>.

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