



May 2021 Newsletter
Star Quilters Guild of Roanoke, Virginia
and the surrounding area of the
beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains
<http://starquilters.org/>



GUILD BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

April Showers Bring May Flowers..... So true and so lovely to live here in SW Virginia this time of year!! I hope that you are all well and looking forward to joining your quilt friends for the upcoming Guild events.

Are you missing us? We miss you! Membership renewal time! Lots of fun planned, be sure to read about it all here, then plan to join us!

Happy Spring!

JOY-fully,

Bonnie Scott



Please Welcome New Member...

Becky Linkous lived in Hardy for over 20 years and is a member of the Lake Quilters Guild. She moved into a patio home in Roanoke in October to be closer to medical facilities and has been busy with remodeling and home repairs. When looking for a new home, quilting was on the top of the list. She has a fully finished basement sewing room with a bank of windows and a walk-in closet. During this quarantine remodeling time she has only made one quilt, "Spice Market," from the scraps in her stash. Her next project is to make two great nephews quilts since they are arriving in July, but as all of us know we never have all the material we need, so now she's going shopping for some pink and soft grey material to make the applique bunnies. Becky retired from Century 21 Real Estate in January, 13 years ago. She said no one should retire in January, because she got bored. She went to a Moneta store at the lake (which is now Mama Ann's) and saw quilting material and supplies so she took the list, bought the

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materials, and signed up for the Log Cabin class for beginning quilters. She fell in love with the entire quilting experience and is thrilled that it “made her feel artistic.” She loves piecing and choosing colors but continues to strive to improve her skills in paper piecing and applique. Her goal is to make one quilt with her grandmother’s treadle sewing machine, since that machine is the one that she learned how to sew with when she was young. In 13 years, Becky has made so many quilts that when she was downsizing before the move, she invited relatives to come for her “Big Quilt Giveaway”.

~*Donna Conner*

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Treasurer’s Report for March 23, 2021- April 26, 2021

Income - \$4,637.28 (see below)
Expenses - \$4,620.12 (see below)

April 26, 2021 - Cash on Hand - \$10,365.62

Income/Deposit Detail:

Membership -	\$ 985.25
Paypal Fees -	\$.88
Programs -	\$ 50.00
Retreat -	\$ 3,050.00
Ways/Means -	\$ 366.15
Workshops -	\$ 185.00
	\$ 4,637.28

Expense/Disbursement Detail:

Fundraiser -	\$ 379.11 (charged from Fundraiser Income)
Insurance -	\$ 590.00 (for period 5.15.2021 – 05.15.2022)
Paypal Fees -	\$ 16.69
Programs -	\$ 100.00
Retreat -	\$ 3,050.00 (charged from Retreat Income)
Sunshine -	\$ 39.32
Workshops -	\$ 445.00 (Refunds for cancelled class registrations – charged from Income)
	\$ 4,620.12

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Deborah Shealy
Treasurer - Star Quilters Guild

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Comfort Quilts

Two quilts were given to two veterans.

~*Judy Bradley*

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

SPRING is the time to RENEW!

“It’s Time to Renew” from the Membership Committee

It’s time to renew your Star Quilters Guild membership (and a membership form needs to be submitted each year even if nothing has changed). Your current membership runs out APRIL 30th. Currently, we have 61 members who have renewed their membership and have added 2 NEW members. We have new options for renewing or joining as a new member. Go to our website www.starquilters.org and under the ABOUT tab you will see MEMBERSHIP. Click on the Join our Group or Renew Your Membership link and fill out the form online, be sure to hit the black Send member information icon when you finish. Another option is to click on the printable form link under the black Send Member Information icon, print the form, fill it in and mail it with your payment to the guild post office box address. Payment can be made online with PayPAL or mail your form with a \$20 check made out to STAR QUILTERS GUILD to:

Star Quilters Guild

Attn: Membership

P.O. Box 4328

Roanoke, VA. 24015

We look forward to hearing from you!

Jennifer Adams & Donna Conner

Membership Committee

Membership Directory

The new directory will be finished up the first part of June. Hopefully, by that time we will have most of our renewals and will have collected all the photos we need. If you have not submitted a headshot picture yet please email one to starquilters.roanoke@gmail.com (attn. Jennifer Adams). We would like to include everyone so please be sure to renew in May. You will receive an email reminder if we do not have a photo to use.

Jennifer Adams

Donna Conner

Membership

Busy Hands

Any member is welcome to join a small group of members working on their hand sewing projects. We will be meeting Monday, May 17th. around 6:30 at Dawn Schaben’s home . Always check the ”INFO TO STITCH ABOUT” email on Thursday before in case of any changes. You will find her address in the directory. Please email Ann Ware if you are planning to attend so we will have an idea for seating.

~Ann Ware

Quiltessas

The Quiltessas are back in business! I received a call last evening from Rita, our Church secretary, that we can once again use the Fellowship Hall at OLN. We will meet on May 7th from 10-2. Bring all your “stuff” to sew, any show and tell, your bag lunch, and a nonperishable item for the Food Pantry. We will be required to wear a mask and social distance. Please, add to your list an extension cord. Also, everyone will have to set up and take down their table, wipe down their table and chair, and put it all away. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 7th.

~Judy Bradley

Starry-Eyed Quilters

Need art quilt inspiration?

The Starry Eyes pod invites you to join us at Black Dog Salvage for a field trip Tuesday, May 18th at 10 am. We’re going to stroll around taking pictures to fuel an “Architecture” quilt challenge. We’ll Zoom together May 24th at 7 pm to plan the next steps, share pictures, decide whether to all work from a single or another and plan the reveal ‘deadline’.

Starry-Eyed Exhibit

Seven members of the Starry-Eyed quilters have combined talents for an exhibit at the Mone-ta /Smith Mt. Lake Library gallery. The exhibit will hang from May 1st-May 31st and can be viewed during normal library hours. Admission is free. A nice day trip when you add a trip to Threadz, LLC, Moneta, and a stop at the Homestead Creamery in Burnt Chimney!

~Susan Kraterfield

PROGRAMMING/EDUCATION

May and June Programs Activities

 During May the Guild’s Programs and Hospitality teams are joining together to hold our annual Spring Social. “April showers bring May flowers” is the Social’s theme. Part 1 of the Social will be a presentation at our May 3rd guild meeting via Zoom by Donna Kittelson and Sue Berry entitled “Flowers, Flowers, Flowers.” Donna and Sue will present information on embellishing quilts with 3-D items and hand-embroidery.

Part 2 of the Social will be Saturday, May 8th, in the parking lot of Christ Evangelical Lutheran church from 9-1 pm. Please come to visit with other guild members a part of these hours and to receive a favor and a cupcake from Hospitality. Some members of the guild will be offering quilting supplies and others items for sale.



At our June 7th guild meeting we will have nationally-known quilter Karen Combs making a presentation from Tennessee via Zoom. Karen’s presentation is “Quilts of Illusions.” We will learn how to create very interesting 3-D effects for quilts. We hope many members, even if you have not yet participated in a Zoom guild meeting, will come out for Karen’s talk. We expect it to be a very worthwhile event. We are offering a workshop taught by Karen on Saturday, June 19th. Details are on the guild’s website.

~Sue Berry

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

May 3rd “Flowers Flowers Flowers” Donna Kittelson & Sue Berry present embellishing quilts with various items such as buttons, beads, stuffed fabric shapes and adding hand embroidery to quilts and we will have our Spring Party.

PLEASE NOTE: The Zoom link will be sent by email on Sunday evening, 5/2.

May 8th Guild Yard Sale at Christ Lutheran Church (rain date May 15th)

June 7th Karen Combs presents “Illusion Quilts”: A program about quilts with the illusion of 3-D via *Zoom*.

Sept 22- 26 Third Annual SQG Fall Retreat at 4-H Center, Smith Mountain Lake
(Registration is online....Questions contact Cathy Russell at 540-494-0522)

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

June 19th Karen Combs will teach a workshop sharing her rotary cutting methods for achieving 3-D fabric effects to produce stunning illusion quilts.

Register at www.startquilters.org **DEADLINE MAY 19th**

MONTHLY CHALLENGES

May UFO Exchange Reveal

September SQG 40th Anniversary Guild Challenge Reveal

Wholecloth Challenge Reveal - Starry-Eyed Quilters

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

May 1st - 31st Starry-Eyed Quilters Exhibit at Moneta/Smith Mt. Lake Library

May 8th Shopping trip to Schoolhouse Fabrics, Fancy Gap, Wytheville & Radford has been postponed to Saturday July 17th

May 18th Starry-Eyed Quilters trip to Black Dog Salvage at 10 am

May 22nd Trip to Sew Many Quilts, Lollies Quilt Shop & The Quiltery

DID YOU KNOW

QAYG. Quilt As You Go. This is a method of quilting the individual blocks of a quilt before putting them together, and can be a much easier and less cumbersome alternative to quilting a large quilt on a domestic machine. It can save both time and frustration. And don't we all like to discover useful shortcuts?

While we don't all feel confident about quilting an entire quilt, anyone can quilt just a single block. So first, piece the blocks, sandwich them with batting and backing, and quilt as desired. Join the blocks into rows, join the rows, and finish with binding. My personal preference is to end the quilting stitches approximately one inch from the edges of the block to avoid bulk in the seams.

Probably the most common method of QAYG is to use sashing strips. There are lots of tutorials and videos available to learn how to do this. Beyond the use of sashing strips, I want to suggest two other methods that are fast and very simple. Quilt all your blocks and trim them to proper size, then try one of these ideas.

1. First is a real simple method. Simply put two blocks together with right sides facing each other. Fold back the backing fabric on one side so that it will not be caught in the seam. Sew with at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and trim batting out of the seam allowance. Press seam flat. Press under the raw edge of the backing fabric that was not stitched into the seam, and hand or machine stitch it down to cover the raw edges (remember that machine

stitching will show on your quilt top).

2. This second method is also simple. Anyone with a background in garment sewing will know this as a ‘flat fell’ seam. Sew your blocks together, right sides facing each other, using a 5/8” or more seam. Trim any batting out of the seam allowance. Trim one side of the seam to 1/4”.** Press under the longer raw edge and fold it over the trimmed edge. Hand or machine stitch it down to cover the seam (remembering that machine stitching will show on the quilt top).

**If you don’t want to trim, just fold over both fabrics together to cover the seam. Seaming can be on either the front or back of the quilt, depending on the look you want. There are many variations on these techniques and you can tweak them to fit your own style.

~Karen Morgan

AREAS OF INTEREST

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Donna Watts 1st
Donna Bohon 2nd
Sue Berry 7th
Sheila Black 13th
Jill Moody 15th
Martha Mikel 18th
Jordis Allen 18th
Kathy Wickham 18th
Ruth Bunt 22nd
Alice Sauers 23rd
Carol Asher 26th

~ Gisela O'Connor

Passings...

Carolyn Zaleski’s husband, Ed, passed away on Friday, April 23, 2021. To learn more about Ed and leave your condolences, you can read his full obituary here: <https://memorial.oakeys.com/edward-zaleski/4598790/index.php>

Sue Thurston’s mother, Dove “Tubby” Terrell Stevens, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2021. You can find her obituary and leave your condolences here: <https://memorial.oakeys.com/dove-stevens/4599390/index.php>.

Roanoke/Salem Loses Last Quilt Store

With the closing of the last quilt shop in the Roanoke area, I started thinking of my first attempt at quilting. Even though quilting runs through my family, I bought the “Quilting for Dummies” and preceded to ruin several yards of fabric. Then, I walked into Quilting Essentials and met Bernie and had a cookie. Through the next couple of years, I took many quilting classes at Quilting Essentials, Old Trinity Schoolhouse, and Creative Quilting Connections. I met new people, made many friends and learned so much about quilting and fabric. I became a serious fabric addict and a connoisseur of really high-quality fabric. First, Old Trinity Schoolhouse closed, followed by Creative Quilting

Connections and now Quilting Essentials. All great quilt stores run by wonderful, talented and creative people willing and wanting to share quilting with everyone. I can honestly say that I wouldn't be writing this article for a quilt guild newsletter without all of those VERY patient people.

I started thinking, "Where do I go for my fabric fix now?" and did a bit of research of quilt shops within 100 miles of Roanoke, VA. Here's the list ranked by distance. *~Jill Moody*

13.4 miles

Boone's Country Store
2699 Jubal Early Hwy, Boones Mill, VA 24065
(540) 721-2478

53.2 miles

Make it Sew
121 S Main St, Lexington, VA 24450
(540) 458-1477
<https://www.makeitsewva.com/>

16 miles

Bargain Barn Discount Fabrics
11600 W Lynchburg Salem Turnpike, Montvale, VA 24122
(540) 947-2894
<https://bargainbarnfabrics.com/>

53.8 miles

Lollies Quilt Shop
(540) 862-7845
515 E Ridgeway St, Clifton Forge, VA 24422
<https://www.lolliesquiltshop.com/>

22.4 miles

CS Threadz
12925 Booker T Washington Hwy, Hardy, VA 24101
(540) 565-0288
<https://www.csthreadz.com/>

58.4 miles

Sew Many Quilts LLC
431 W Main St, Covington, VA 24426
(540) 962-0023
<http://www.sewmanyquiltsshop.com/>

39.6 miles

Schoolhouse Fabrics Inc.
220 N Locust St, Floyd, VA 24091
(540) 745-4561

63 miles

The Quiltory
5499 N Lee Hwy, Fairfield, VA 24435
(540) 377-9191
76 miles
<https://www.quiltoryshop.com/>

46.5 miles

Sew Biz
7327 Peppers Ferry Blvd A, Fairlawn, VA 24141
(540) 639-1138
<https://www.sewbiz.com/>

69.5 miles

Quilted Colors
107 N Main St, Stuart, VA 24171
(276) 694-3020
<https://quiltedcol.weebly.com/>

48.5 miles

Quilted Expressions
3622 Old Forest Rd # B, Lynchburg, VA 24501
(434) 385-6765
<http://www.quiltedexpressions.com/>

78.6 miles

Batiks Etc & Sew What Fabrics
460 E Main St, Wytheville, VA 24382
(276) 228-6400
<https://batiks.com/>

52.4 miles

Sew Simple of Lynchburg LLC
2414 Wards Rd, Lynchburg, VA 24502
(434) 239-6708
<https://www.sewsimpleoflynchburg.com/>

70.3 miles

Ms Audre's Fabric-n-Fellowship
206 Main St, Narrows, VA 24124
(409) 212-042

52.7 miles

Thread Runs Thru It
40 Exchange Dr, Rustburg, VA 24588
(434) 821-3000
<https://www.trtiwequilt.com/>

90.6 miles
The Sewing Gallery LLC
431 Rogers St, Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 487-6700
<https://thesewinggallery.net/>

93.6 miles
Fancy Gap Pottery and Fabric Outlet
350 Pottery Rd, Fancy Gap, VA 24328
(276) 728-9524
<https://www.fancygappottery.com/>

91.5 miles
Granny's Sewing Room
1119 Mercer St, Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-6554

Area Events

Karin Tauber does a wonderful job of collecting and compiling a newsletter of quilting events in our area. You can find it here:

<https://mailchi.mp/da03ccbb072e/ydhmr674py-13368223?e=ea76bd1cd7>

Regional Events

Treasures from the Vault

February 16 - July 10, 2021

Treasures from Vault host quilts from the 1960's. It explores the different themes and materials used during this time. Curated by the Executive Director Susan Farmer, this exhibit features fun filled patterns such as Sunbonnet Sue.



Visit the Museum's website at: <https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/current-exhibits-2>

Quilter's - Save Our Stories



The Virginia Quilt Museum is partnering with the Quilt Alliance (QA) on their ongoing Quilter's - Save Our Stories (QSOS) project. They are seeking input on additional quilters who should be interviewed. If you know a talented quilter who should have their story saved, please send in their name/phone/email contact information for consideration. They are also seeking persons to conduct these interviews, either virtually or in person.

Please send any contact information to vqmboard@gmail.com. To learn more, visit the QSOS and/or QSOS Projects at: <https://quiltalliance.org/about/> or <https://quiltalliance.org/projects/qsos/>



Upcoming VCQ Workshop:
Saturday, May 8th
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Improv Play with Lines and Shapes
Cindy Grisdela presenting.

Sign up today at www.vcq.org



National Events



40th Quilt Show & Competition

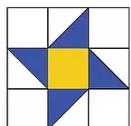
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visit: www.smokymtnquilters.com

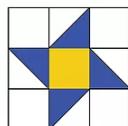
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or call: 865-382-5976

DEADLINE TO ENTER: JUNE 1, 2021



The Quilting Party



DAVID'S WEB SITE: www.davidowenhastings.com

Registration is open \$40 for members of The Quilting Party & TAVA
 \$45 workshop fee per person for non-members

For more information, registration form, and supply list please visit our webpage: bit.ly/thequiltingparty



The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show and Nancy Zieman Productions announce the fifth-annual Modern Mini Quilt Challenge, taking place throughout the month of May on social media! You're invited to participate in the challenge by stitching a 24-inch square (or smaller) modern mini quilt in fabrics featuring a modern color palette and design. For details visit: <https://quiltshow.com/modernminiquiltchallenge/>

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