



## October 2021 Newsletter

Star Quilters Guild of Roanoke, Virginia,  
and the surrounding area of the  
beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains

<http://starquilters.org/>

# Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Us!

Dear Members of the Star Quilters Guild,

I am sure that the four individuals who conceived the idea of the guild in May of 1981 never dreamed that the guild would still be going strong in 2021. The first open meeting of the guild was in October of 1981, and the guild was born with 41 members. Would they ever have dreamed that not only would the guild still be going strong now but would have over 100 members?!

The guild's strength and longevity can be traced to the volunteers who have devoted countless hours of service to the guild. The guild has had some highs and lows, and it has always been the devotion of the volunteers that has kept the guild together and carried on the work. There is no way to thank those volunteers from the past, but we honor their memory and their work with the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the guild. Happy Anniversary!

*Dawn Schaben, Star Quilters Guild President*

### **Our October Program:**

### **Celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Star Quilters Guild**

at Christ Lutheran Church, 2011 Brandon Avenue SW, Roanoke

on Monday, October 4, at 7 PM

Be sure to join your guild friends for this special occasion! This will be your only chance to view the Anniversary Quilts before our 2023 quilt show. Kelly Zuber has supervised guild members in making one quilt for each year of the guild's existence. She is the only one who has seen them so far, but she says they are SPECTACULAR! All are different - original designs showing the maker's vision of one of the 40 years.

Other guild members have been working on other surprises - a display about the history of the guild, recognition of the guild's volunteers and past presidents, a kit with fabric so members can make themselves a special little something, and a delicious food item for takeout.

**HONESTLY, YOU WILL WANT TO BE THERE!**

## **A Little More about the October Meeting**

When we first talked about celebrating this anniversary, we wanted to invite friends and family, too. Due to the current Covid crisis, however, we are inviting only current guild members and a few special guests (e.g., past Presidents). We will be wearing masks!

Members of the Programs and Membership committees have assembled a gift for each member, fabric squares to sew into a guild-relevant item you will keep. (I'm not sure I'm supposed to tell you what it is, but I'm looking forward to mine.)

Our Publicity chair, Sarah Baumgardner, has written a press release about our guild's milestone celebration and will have a live Facebook video going for part of the meeting.

Kelly Zuber's husband Tim is making special racks to display the Anniversary Quilts.

Ann Ware will be presiding because our President has just had surgery.

We will have a banner with the guild's new logo.

We won't be eating, but the Hospitality Committee has arranged for a food treat to take home.

If you are not vaccinated, or if you are protecting your health and the health of your family by avoiding crowds, don't feel bad about staying away and celebrating in spirit.

We definitely will have photos to show you afterwards!

~ Laura Perry, Newsletter Editor

## **Welcome to our New Members, Barbara Hinchy and Barbara Zubler**

Barbara Hinchy and her family are originally from near Buffalo, New York. When her husband retired, they moved to Hawaii and resided there for 5 years, but their son resides in Roanoke, so they moved back to the mainland and have been in Roanoke for 13 years. Barbara's mother taught her basic sewing skills and she has been quilting for 30 years. She says she is a traditional quilter doing patchwork and applique. Barbara's other hobbies are crocheting, painting, baking, canning, and preserving foods. She is busy making apple butter and apple sauce right now.

Barbara Zubler and her husband have lived the past 35 years in Phoenix, Arizona, but when her husband retired in March they researched where they would like to retire and the choice was Roanoke, Virginia. They have been enjoying hiking, kayaking, and golfing, and they have found people here very friendly. Barb has been a quilter since age 25 when she learned from a girlfriend and everything was done by hand. After her two daughters were born, she moved to machine-piecing and quilting. Barb is a textile artist working in modern stained glass fabric collage. She makes wall hangings that often deal with landscapes, and she is interested in our Starry Eyed group. Barb told me about the 10 art panels called "Arizona Eden" that she made for her church in Gilbert, Arizona. Barb has a u-tube video on the construction of the panels which you can view at <https://www.azgpc.org/arizona-eden> Awesome!

## Officers and Committees

### Officers

Dawn Schaben, President

Ann Ware, Vice President

Claire Hightower, Secretary

Sue Berry, Treasurer

### Committees

Comfort Quilts - Judy Bradley and Ethel Simmons

Historian - Kristin Farwig

Hospitality - Gisela O'Connor, Judy McWhorter, Karen Lubeck, and Carolyn Zaleski

Library - Kathy Wickham and Betty Ann Tyree

Membership - Jennifer Adams and Donna Conner

Newsletter - Laura Perry

Program - Richard DeHart, Sue Berry, Susan Dewberry, Tonya Harmon, Donna Kittleson,

Karen Lubeck, Angela Miller, and Kelly Zuber

Publicity - Sarah Baumgardner

Social Media - Sarah Baumgardner, Richard DeHart, Kristin Farwig

Special Events - Cathy Russell

Sunshine - Sue Thurston

Ways & Means - Donna Bohon and Cathy Henderson

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

## Thank You, Susan!

The board would like to thank Susan Kraterfield for her years of service to the guild as a board member. Susan has decided to resign from her volunteer position as webmaster. Susan has served the guild in multiple positions in her 20 years as a member. She has been newsletter editor, treasurer, vice president, webmaster, and leader of the Starry Eyed Quilters. Susan's service is an example of why the guild is celebrating 40 years. Thank you, Susan, for all your hard work and devotion to the guild!!

## 26 MEMBERS ENJOYED THIS YEAR'S QUILT RETREAT

The 3rd Annual Quilt Retreat was a success. We did have a few problems, such as a cricket in one of the bedrooms that only made its noise when the lights were turned off. Also, electricity outages on arrival Wednesday and again for 6 hours on Friday. But we overcame these problems and made it through. Many quilt tops were made as we shared good fellowship, good food, and being well taken care of by the 4H Center employees. Our next Quilt Retreat is September 14 - September 18, 2022. Add it to your calendar and let me know if you would like to join us.

~ Cathy Russell, Special Events

## **Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Meeting on September 13, 2021**

Our Guild met in-person at Christ Lutheran Church. Before the meeting began, we posed outside on the steps of the main entrance for a group photo. Once we returned inside, President Dawn Schaben called the meeting to order. She promptly turned the meeting over to Program Committee Chair Richard DeHart, who introduced our program, "It Is Not Too Late to Make a Holiday Quilt," and speaker, member Kathy Wickham.

### Program

Kathy explained that holiday panels are an excellent starting point for holiday gifts. She pointed out that a simple web search for things to do with quilting panels will bring up many suggestions. She listed suggestions of her own, along with samples that she has made. Her easiest suggestion is to find a panel you like, layer it with batting and backing, and quilt and bind it. Depending on the panel size, this could become a wall hanging, table runner, a child's quilt, pillows, placemats, potholders, mug rugs, coasters or ornaments. Kathy suggested that one or more borders could be added to a panel, an orphan block, or an embroidery piece to make a quilt top. The borders could be simple strips, or something more complicated such as piano keys, flying geese, etc. Kathy also mentioned some more challenging ways to create holiday quilts from panels. At our July meeting speaker Lisa Routh Alley of Bear Hug Quilts showed examples and had patterns for sale utilizing panels. One of her methods cuts a panel into several blocks and frames the resulting blocks, and then reassembles the blocks to make an Attic Windows quilt. An even more challenging technique is to use several of the same panel to make a One Block Wonder quilt. Ways and Means had a large selection of panels available at our meeting for those of us inspired by Kathy's excellent presentation. Dawn commented that Hoffman Fabrics makes monthly digital Celebrate the Seasons wall-hanging kits including a seasonal panel with binding and backing. Kathy closed with a suggestion that other members consider volunteering to do a program on some aspect of quilting that they enjoy.

### Business Meeting

**Anniversary Quilts:** Kelly Zuber collected the Fortieth Anniversary quilts each representing one of the years of our Guild's existence. Any outstanding quilts and the accompanying write-up need to be submitted soon. Four years are still available for adoption; these may be submitted for display with the others at our next quilt show.

**Comfort Quilts:** Seventeen quilts were turned in at the workshop and one more at the meeting. Additional comfort quilt kits are available. In addition, Betty Ann Tyree has kits for snowball blocks.

**Starry-Eyed Quilters:** Kristin Farwig announced that the whole-cloth quilting challenge that members of the group have been working on are due this month.

**Member Announcement:** Cathy Fandel reminded us that she has operated a registered LLC for long-arm quilting services called Blue Ridge Quilting for many years.

She recently learned of a new area business which chose the name Blue Ridge Quilting Services, whose business card shows Blue Ridge Quilting in large letters and the word Services underneath in a much smaller font. Cathy emphasized that she is still in business as Blue Ridge Quilting and is not affiliated with the similarly-named new business.

Membership: Jennifer Adams reported 51 members in attendance, with two new members, one renewing member, and four guests.

Programs: Richard DeHart announced that our October meeting will be a fun celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of our guild, including a reveal of the calendar year quilts. We will not have Show and Tell in October due to the Anniversary Quilt exhibit. November's guest speaker will be Melissa Cassell of the new shop, Fork Mtn Quilting, who will bring items for sale. There will be no Ways and Means items at the October and November meetings.

Hospitality: Gisela O'Connor announced the September birthdays. For security reasons she has changed birthday announcement policies. She will publish a month's birthdays by first name and last initial with no day specified. At meetings she will announce full name and day of celebration.

Library: Kathy Wickham asked that anyone wishing to check out a book, please let her know in advance of our meeting so she can retrieve it from the library.

Ways and Means: Members had spent \$102.20 at the Ways and Means table this evening. Additional sales of panels will be counted separately.

Special Events: Cathy Russell announced she is starting to plan for next year's retreat in September with the exact date to be determined according to dates available at the 4-H Center. She is also considering a road trip to Pennsylvania next year, probably a Thursday through Saturday event.

Drop-By Clinic: Sue Berry announced a drop-by clinic to be held 10:00 until 2:00 PM at our usual meeting room at Christ Church. The purpose of the clinic is to answer questions or offer suggestions for anyone wanting help with their project.

Miscellaneous: Guild pins are available at \$2 (new guild logo) and \$1 (old logo).

#### Show and Tell

Members displayed their lovely creations, including a grandchild's T-shirt quilt, holiday quilts from panels, a scalloped-edge star sampler, an advent calendar tree wallhanging with scrappy pockets for ornaments, a Spinning Spools quilt, a finally-completed Trinity Schoolhouse project, a completed Comfort Quilt top, and a small paint-stick experiment called "Force Field." All are wonderful!

#### Closing

The meeting adjourned at 8:14. Our next meeting will take place on October 4.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claire Hightower, Secretary*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 44 masked members at our September meeting. We had 4 visitors. One member renewed. We had two new members join, both named Barbara -- please read their welcome introductions in this newsletter. Pins, both old (\$1) and new (\$2) are for sale at the membership table. New member packets are also available. We hope to see you at the October meeting to celebrate our 40th anniversary!!

*Jennifer Adams and Donna Conner, Membership Committee*

## Busy Hands



A small group of members will meet at Barnes and Noble, Tanglewood, around 6:30 on October 18th. Anyone is welcome to join the group. Bring your handwork and enjoy the company of others. If you have a problem with a certain project, most likely someone in the group can help you. Questions? Text Ann Ware at the number in the Membership Directory.

## Newsletter

Let me know if you are interested in writing articles for the newsletter or working on any other aspect of its production.

~ Laura Perry, Newsletter Editor

## Happy Birthday, Karen!



This has never happened before - only one guild member has a birthday this month. (Last month, 12 members celebrated birthdays!) Best wishes to a special member on her special day.

~ Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Chair

## Comfort Quilts

We will be delivering quilts to the Veterans Hospital soon. Thank you to all our members who are making quilts for veterans, cancer patients, foster children, children in hospital, and others in need of comfort.

- Judy Bradley, Comfort Quilts Committee

## Starry Eyed Quilters

Several members of our guild are especially interested in learning new techniques and making art quilts. Ask guild member Susan Kraterfield if you'd like to be put on their mailing list to get notices of their meetings.

<https://starquilters.org/about-2/art-quilts-aka-starry-eyed-quilters/>



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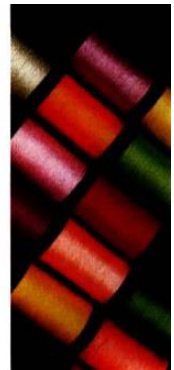
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## Quiltessas

Help the Quiltessas make comfort quilts or assemble kits members can use to make them. If you are free to join them on a Friday morning, talk to Judy Bradley - (540) 344-4558 or [Bradxjude@aol.com](mailto:Bradxjude@aol.com)

### Recommended Reading

*The Virginia Register* online: <https://theregisterweb.com/>  
(Articles and ads for crafts, including quilting, with news of sales and special events)  
*Senior News* online: <http://www.seniornewsblueridge.com/>  
(I particularly enjoyed "The Goodwin Family" in the September issue. - Laura)

## UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY OTHER GROUPS

October 1-9 - SewBiz quilt shop in Fairlawn (near Radford) also is having its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and is celebrating with a sale. [www.sewbiz.com](http://www.sewbiz.com)

October 1 - November 30, 2021 - Traveling south? The "All Carolinas Shop Hop" spans both Carolinas. See <https://allcarolinasshophop.com/>

now and for the next month - Snowman and Silent Night Sew-Along



To get free patterns and join in the online Sew-Along for this 35" square quilt, sign up by email at

<https://jacquelynnesteves.com/snowman-sew-along-print/>

This might be a good way to use your fabric panels!

Jacquelynn sells snowman fabric panels, decorative buttons, and matching quilt labels, but there is no obligation to buy.

October 8 - Get your sewing space and fabric under control - The Declutter to Destash Annual Challenge. (Maybe even sell unneeded fabric.) <https://feelgoodfibers.com/>

October 12-16 - The quilt shop [Sewlovelee](http://www.sewlovelee.com) made friends in the valley at our 2019 quilt show. Join their 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Yes, they are in Irvington - but you might want to pack up your camper and visit the Northern Neck. Or at least take a look at their pattern for a pixelated crab! <https://www.sewlovelee.com>

Until October 15 - "Reflections: Art in the Times of Covid-19" at the Artful Lawyer, 318 North Main Street, Blacksburg.

Until October 17 - "Stories of West Africa" by Hollis Chatelain - prints of her painted quilts in the Perspective Gallery at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Or, watch a 25-minute video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBfdw6Nlw8>

October 21 - The first meeting of a new **Quilts of Valor** group will be held at the Glebe in Daleville from 10 am - 2 pm. Quilts of Valor are made to honor veterans and active military. For more information, talk to guild member Carolyn Zaleski. Her contact information is in the Member Directory.

April 28 - May 1, 2022 - A Retreat at Smith Mountain Lake with the Virginia Consortium of Quilters. 16 classes over 2 days. <http://www.vcq.org/celebration/2022/info.php>



## TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1-31, 2021 Financial Information

BB&T (Truist) Checking Account 1:

\$10,843.12 Beginning balance

\$9,739.14 Ending balance

\$ 260.82 Income received

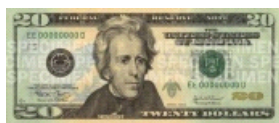
\$1,364.80 Expenses paid

Treasurer activities during August: renewed the guild's Zoom subscription, submitted federal tax information filing (due to income levels, no Virginia state income form due for year).

Note: The guild has a second checking account at BB&T (Truist) which is used to process PayPal income transactions (and any refunds) before transferring the amounts to the above account. The balance of this second account is kept at \$100.00.

Please call me if you have comments or questions.

~ Sue Berry, Treasurer



*Would you like to run an ad in our newsletter? It has to be related to quilting in some way. The cost is \$20 for a business-card sized ad every month.*

### Upcoming Programs

Monday, November 8 - Not long ago, we decided to move our November meetings to the second Monday in order to avoid conflicts with elections. (Our meeting place is used as a polling place and gets filled with voting machines.) Our program that day probably will be a presentation by Fork Mtn Quilting from Rocky Mount.

Monday, December 6 - Our holiday social -- always a good way to kick off the season of merriment and good will.

~ Richard DeHart, Program Chair

*Wonder what kinds of batting are best? Need to learn how to do hand embroidery?  
Like to know what a quilt sandwich is? Wish you could watch quilting videos online?  
For answers to these and other questions, come to our*

### Quilting Questions Workshop

Saturday, October 9, from 10-2 pm at Christ Lutheran Church

Come by between 10 and 2 with your questions about sewing, quilting, embellishment, and how to use your computer to access email, how-to videos, quilt patterns, and so forth. Experienced quilters from the guild will help with the clinic, which is absolutely free. It's likely that coffee and donuts will be available for you, too!