



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

Our November Program: Fork Mtn Quilting

meeting at Christ Lutheran Church, 2011 Brandon Avenue SW, Roanoke
on Monday, November 8, at 7 PM

Melissa Cassell has lots to tell us -- how Fork Mtn Quilting was born, the challenges that come with owning a quilt shop, and how quilt shops decide which fabrics to order for their customers.

Fork Mtn Quilting is a full-service quilt shop in Rocky Mount. Current fabrics include Tilda, Tula Pink, Kaffe Fassett, Riley Blake, Michael Miller, Moda, Free Spirit, and more!

Fork Mtn also provides computerized longarm quilting services and quilting classes for people at all skill levels. See <https://www.forkmtnquilting.com/>

Melissa will be bringing a selection of fabrics, patterns, and tools for sale.

~ Richard DeHart, Program Chair

A Word from the President

I hope all of the guild's members will be taking time to relax and enjoy the holidays with friends and family. The holiday season is approaching oh so quickly!! I would like to thank all of the guild members who share their time and talents with the guild; we could not do what we do without you!!

We will be holding our December meeting at the Church of Christ at 2606 Brandon Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA at 6:00 p.m. Our usual meeting location is not allowing a potluck social at this time, so we are moving a few blocks away for this one meeting. More details will be coming soon.

In the past, we have had a gift exchange at the December social. This year, we would like to give to others. The board has decided that instead of exchanging gifts within the guild, we will make pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. You can find the pattern for the pillowcases on their website, www.caseforsmiles.org. The pillowcases will be donated to the local organization for distribution to children (newborns to 18) in the Roanoke Valley who are battling cancer and other life-changing illnesses.

We will not have the Ways and Means table at the December Social.

We will have Show and Tell, so bring your holiday quilts and crafts to show and tell.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

- Dawn Schaben, Star Quilters Guild President

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Dawn Schaben, President
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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.

Financial Information for September 1-30, 2021

Truist Checking Account 1:

\$9,739.14 Beginning balance

\$9,735.14 Ending balance

\$ 0.00 Income received (due to scheduling, September income was processed during October)

\$ 4.00 Expenses paid (bank fee)

BB&T (the Guild's former bank) and Suntrust Bank have merged into a banking entity named Truist. The \$4.00 expense is an account fee that Truist will now assess our accounts.

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

Please call me if you have comments or questions.

- Sue Berry, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 57 members present to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Star Quilters Guild on October 4th. We currently have 114 members. Two members joined in October - be sure to read about Judy and Pat below. You can pick up member cards, envelopes with fabric name-tag squares, and new member packets at the Membership check-in table. SQG pins both old (\$1) and new (\$2) are for sale there, too. We hope to see you at the November 8th meeting.

- Jennifer Adams and Donna Conner, Membership Committee

AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Judy Johnson has always been a Roanoke County/Salem person. In fact, she lives two doors down from where she grew up. Her mother was a knitter and a quilter, and she uses her mom's quilting rack. Judy likes the "history of quilting" and prefers to hand-piece and hand-quilt everything. She attends sessions/classes at the Salem Senior Center and knows Norma Harris, one of the Star Quilters' founding members. Judy went to the Star Quilters' summer yard sale to find out more about our guild's meetings and activities and decided to join us to interact with other quilters and to learn more techniques. Most of Judy's quilting projects have been small wall hangings, etc., but Elsie Bailey, our resident hand-quilting teacher, is helping her to finish her first big project. We look forward to seeing it at a future show and tell.

Pat Richards and her husband moved to Salem in May from Ashtabula, Ohio. They both taught for 35 years (Pat in grades 1, 2, and 4) and have been retired for 15 years. Their oldest son and his family live in Salem, so they decided to move here to be closer to their granddaughter. Pat's husband searched on the internet for a local quilt guild, and that is how they found the Star City Quilters. When she was young, Pat learned how to sew at her local 4-H Club, going from hand sewing to a trundle sewing machine to a small Sears machine for making clothing and doll clothes. She has an extensive doll collection, and when a quilt store opened in the area, she wanted to make miniature quilts for her doll collection. The owner told her that she needed to learn the basics first, with hand sewing, patterns, rotary cutters, etc. and that is how her quilting journey began. She became a member of the Ashtabula quilt guild and has served as president and treasurer and has taught miniature workshops. She has even taken a quilt cruise with a friend that left from New Orleans and cruised to parts of the Caribbean! They spent their time sewing while cruising and being tourists when the ship stopped at each destination. Pat enjoys feeding bluebirds and is creating a butterfly garden with milkweed for Monarch butterflies. Pat is currently working on a t-shirt quilt for her sister-in-law, who participated in horse shows and endurance rides.

-- Donna Connor, Membership Committee

We Need UPC labels from packages of Hobbs Batting!

The Hobbs Batting people are offering a discount on their batting in return for 5 UPCs from packages of their batting. See

<https://www.hobbsbatting.com/.../for-quilters/giving-back/>

Check your quilting supplies! If this turns out to be a good deal for the guild, we will order their batting for making Comfort Quilts.

Kyoto has made a box in which you can put the Hobbs labels -----> when you attend a meeting of the guild.



You Can Order a Tote Bag with the Star Quilters Guild Logo



Sue Thurston is collecting orders for the tote bag pictured. It is 13.75" tall x 14" wide x 4.25" from back to front. It features light piping, a zippered opening, web handles, a pen holder, and a zippered pocket. You choose the color you want for the insert: black, passion pink, navy blue, royal blue, or red. The cost is \$14 plus a shipping fee that will depend upon how many are ordered. Deadline for ordering: Monday, November 15th. The order form will be emailed with this newsletter.

The Quilting Clinic and the Ways and Means Sale on October 9th Were Successful

The Programs team members conducting the Quilting Clinic on Saturday, October 9, were pleased that seven members asked for binding advice, the topic of the clinic. A few days later, one of them reported that she had closed her quilting binding with a 45-degree seam on the first try!

In 2022, the Programs team plans to hold more clinics on various "tricky" quilting issues.

At the same time, the Ways and Means Committee, under the direction of Cathy Henderson and Donna Bohon, collected \$309.15 in sales. This amount, when combined with the sale of fat quarters at the September quilting retreat, during which they collected \$109.85, increased the guild bank account balance by \$419.00. Cathy and Donna should be thanked for setting up Ways and Means on a Saturday, and we appreciate the many guild members who donated and bought items at these two sales.
~ Sue Berry, Treasurer and Programs committee member

Have You Made Quilted Table Runners You Are Willing to Sell?

A friend has asked me whether any members of our guild have table runners for sale. Her mother-in-law made several for her when she was alive. She found some at the Craft fair but would like to buy them locally. Please respond to me and I will forward to Margaret.

- Ann Ware (contact info in the Membership Directory)

Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Meeting on October 4, 2021

We celebrated our Guild's Fortieth Anniversary at our October in-person meeting at Christ Lutheran Church. The meeting room had decorations, a display of the quilts depicting events from each year of our Guild's existence with an explanation of each quilt, and photo albums of our Guild's activities through the years. Media representatives stopped by prior to the meeting to cover our celebration.

Vice President Ann Ware called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. She welcomed us, reminded us to pick up an envelope with the makings of our new name tag, a cupcake-to-go (masks are required by the Church, which precludes eating on site), and a flier outlining the Guild's history. Ann thanked those who helped set up the room prior to the meeting. She also recognized and thanked past Guild presidents. Due to the celebratory nature of the evening, Ann kept the formal portion of our meeting short so that we could spend time socializing and celebrating.

Business Meeting

Comfort Quilts: Seventeen quilts were turned in at the meeting.

Membership: Jennifer Adams reported 59 members in attendance, with two new members, one renewing member, and five guests.

Programs: Our November meeting will take place on the second Monday, November 8, because the church will need to set up our meeting room in advance of the election to take place there on November 2. Richard DeHart announced that November's guest speaker will be Melissa Cassell of the new shop Fork Mtn Quilting. Melissa will bring items for sale, so we will not have Ways and Means tables at the November meeting.

Drop-In Clinic: Sue Berry announced that a workshop on quilt binding techniques and a Ways and Means sale will be held at the Church on Saturday October 9 from 10 to 2.

Special Events: Cathy Russell reported that the September Quilt Retreat was fun despite power outages. The group stayed later on Sunday to make up for lost time. Thirty-one people have already signed up for next year's retreat; the expected cost is \$280. Cathy would like to organize a three-day bus trip to Lancaster PA in April; contact Cathy ASAP if you are interested.

Anniversary Quilts: Kelly Zuber thanked everyone who created a quilt for the display. She explained that her mother gave her the idea when she said, "It will be okay, we'll get through it." Kelly thanked Laura Perry for helping to remind everyone when their quilts and write-ups were due. Kelly expected our anniversary to be covered on local Channel 7 news at 10 and 11 PM on October 4 and possibly by the *Roanoke Times*, date unknown.

Closing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31, giving us plenty of time to admire the quilts, browse through the photo albums, and socialize.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Hightower, Secretary



Busy Hands

A small group of members will meet at Barnes and Noble at Tanglewood around 6:30 on November 15th. You are 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. If you have questions, text Ann Ware (number in the Membership Directory).

Comfort Quilts

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



Happy Birthday to the guild members celebrating birthdays in November - Janet P, Judy J, Clair H, Barbara F, Linda W, Donna C, Donna K, and Karen L-n!

We are thankful for you!

- Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Chair



Val's Art

Guild member Val Stricklin will be offering her art and craft creations at the Brambleton Center's 28th annual show on Saturday, November 6, 8 am to 2 pm. Val will also be at the YMCA Craft Fair in Christiansburg on November 12-14.

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 learn what they are working on and to join their meetings.

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

The Virginia Quilt Museum: I Liked It!

I visited the Virginia Quilt Museum last week for the first time and really enjoyed the experience. Some of Mary Kerr's quilts are on display until December 23. She's the quilter that uses vintage quilt pieces in her modern quilts! I have her book *Twisted*. If you'd like to see some of her truly inspiring quilts, I encourage you to visit the museum in November! It's worth the trip!

-- Cathy Henderson

Read about current and planned displays at <https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/>

A Couple of Corrections to the October Newsletter

First, I am not the person collecting the whole-cloth quilts for the Starry Eyed Challenge, which were due in October. Second, the correct name of my Paintstik experiment quilt is "Force Field," not "Horse Field."

- Kristin Farwig

I Found a Quilted Heart



Looking for something fun to do with scrap fabric and batting? Want to put a smile on someone's face? (Couldn't we all use a few more smiles!) Participate in the I Found a Quilted Heart project. There are fairly specific rules but it looks like fun. See <https://www.ifoundaquiltedheart.com/>

- Kelly Wittenauer Zuber

Sacred Threads

Sacred Threads is an exhibition of quilts exploring themes of joy, inspiration, spirituality, healing, grief and peace/brotherhood. Go to <http://www.sacredthreadsqilts.com/html/gallery.html> to see examples. Learn about upcoming exhibits in which you can enter your creations at <https://www.sacredthreadsqilts.com/>

Tips for Using Facebook

- 1) Editing your post. There are 3 little dots on the right of your post. Click those, and you can edit or delete your post.
- 2) Options for the posts of others. On their main post, there are 3 little dots on the right of the post. Click on those, and you will see various options. One option is to "turn on notifications for this post." Click that, and you will be notified when people respond to the original post. You can also save the post or hide it.

- Kristin Farwig

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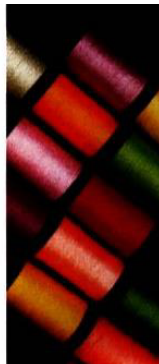
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Bring me your quilts by November 15
to be sure of delivery before Christmas. - Dawn

UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY OTHER GROUPS

Now open for registration - Vickie Clontz presents "Exploring Textures on Silk with Dyeing and Felting," a 2-day workshop on Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 5, 2022, in Blacksburg. Dyeing and felting techniques using non-toxic dyes, including silk marbling, stenciling, ice dyeing, texturizing, and resist techniques. Cost \$120/\$140 plus \$25 kit fee and supplies you provide. kutauber.wixsite.com/the-quilting-party/workshop

Now through November 30, 2021 - The "All Carolinas Shop Hop" spans both Carolinas. See <https://allcarolinasshophop.com/>

April 28 - May 1, 2022 - A Retreat at Smith Mountain Lake with the Virginia Consortium of Quilters. 16 classes over 2 days. \$310-\$485.

<http://www.vcq.org/celebration/2022/info.php>