



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

Our December Program: The Holiday Social
Roanoke Church of Christ, 2606 Brandon Avenue SW, at 6 PM

Our meeting on December 6th will be our traditional Holiday Social.

We will meet at 6 o'clock, and in a different place: the Roanoke Church of Christ at 2606 Brandon Ave SW. We will be in the one-story building beside the parking lot.

We going to have a potluck meal! Gisela O'Connor, chair of the Hospitality Committee, has provided this list of recommendations:

If your last name begins with A to J, bring a side dish (vegetable, salad, bread...)

If your last name begins with K to T, bring a main dish (meat or vegetarian)

If your last name begins with U to Z, bring a dessert (popularity guaranteed!)

Bring a serving utensil with your dish if you can.

The only reason we divide the list like this is to be sure we get a variety of dishes. They are NOT rules, and you can bring something else if you prefer! As for drinks: we will have water, lemonade, and iced tea. If you'd like something else, just bring it in a can or thermos for yourself.

We will not be exchanging little gifts this year.

Instead, we are going to join with Ryan's Case for Smiles and sew pillowcases to donate to a child (infant to 18 years old) who is in the hospital. Please make one of these if you possibly can. (Due to Covid precautions, the organization will wash all donated pillowcases, so you don't have to do that before turning them in.) We'll hoping to see an array of bright and cheerful pillowcases for these young patients! All different, and all showing that somebody cares.

-- Richard DeHart, Program Chair



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Wishing you and yours all the best in 2022!!

from Your Quilting Friends on the Guild Board

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

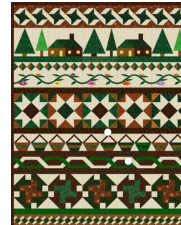
OUR JANUARY PROGRAM

On January 10, 2022, our program will be a guild members' round robin. Members familiar with groups like Busy Hands, Quiltessas, Starry Eyes, Library, and Programs will be available to talk to members about each group and what it offers. This program should be especially helpful to newer members who want to know what the various guild sub-groups do. And also to not-so-new members who've been hesitant to join in!

Also <<drumroll>> we are beginning a row-by-row quilting event. We will showcase 2 free patterns for members who'd like to participate in the monthly row-by-row. At the meeting, we will explain how it's done and tell you about a special prize giveaway at the end of the event.

-- Richard DeHart, Program Chair

Row-by-Row ... Every Row is Different



Financial Information for October 1-31, 2021

Truist Checking Account 1:

\$9,735.14 Beginning balance

\$9,901.81 Ending balance

\$ 606.25 Income received

\$ 439.58 Expenses paid

Notes: BB&T (the Guild's former bank) and Suntrust Bank have merged into a banking entity named Truist. 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.

Change in Financial/Treasurer Forms and Procedures

A Note for Members who have Guild Income and Expenses

Guild member Richard DeHart recently redesigned the Guild's Income and Expense Vouchers so that members can complete them online and print them out to submit them to the Treasurer for processing. These one-page forms have the guild's new logo at the top. Please use the following procedure when you prepare the new forms for submission:

1. Use the bottom of the Income Voucher to hand-write any notes that would be helpful to the treasurer in processing the income to the Guild records. (The Membership committee has specific record-keeping needs and their Income Voucher form will be designed to suit them better than the form used by other members.)
2. If you are submitting expenses for reimbursement and the receipt is small in size, please tape the receipt to the bottom of the one-page form. Otherwise, staple the receipt to the back of the form.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sue Berry, Treasurer

The forms are on our website: <https://starquiltersmembersonly.wordpress.com/>

Expense Voucher - rev 2021

[Income Voucher - rev 2021](#)

- Sue Berry, Treasurer



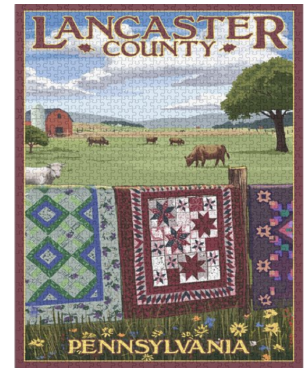
A Winter Weather Reminder

Star Quilters follows the schedule of Virginia Western Community College. If their evening classes are canceled due to weather, our meeting will also be canceled.

A Quilters' Trip to Pennsylvania and the 2022 Retreat

If anyone else is interested in going to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on a field trip in early April, please let me know.

September retreat payments are due in installments that start at the end of January 2022. Please make the check out to me and mail it to me at the address in our membership directory. The retreat date is Wednesday, September 14th through Sunday, September 18th. Let me know ASAP if you are interested.
Thank you, *Cathy Russell*, Special Events



Above: Lantern Press Artworks

Helping Foster Children

Guild member Kathy Wickham is also a member of the Blue Ridge Quilting Guild, which makes quilts for foster children. She is quoted in a television interview: "We found out that there are children that 'age out of the system' and are just left sometimes with very little. We wanted to make something for them to give them a hug, give them some comfort and something they can call their own."

<https://www.wsls.com/news/local/2021/11/29/support-foster-adoptive-families-without-taking-a-child-in-30-days-of-hope/>

If you'd like to know more, Kathy's phone number and email address are in the Member Directory.

We're Collecting 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.

Kyoko Yamamura has made a box ----->
into which you can put the Hobbs UPCs at meetings of the guild.
Or you can mail them to her (address in the directory).



Ways and Means

Sales at the Ways and Means tables provide an important part of the guild's operating budget ... and provide the fun of hunting for bargains! We depend upon members not just to shop but to make donations.

At the December social, our Ways and Means chairs Donna Bohon will be accepting books and magazines and Cathy Henderson will be accepting fabric. They will measure the fabric and price it so it can be offered for sale on the Ways & Means table at a future guild meeting.

Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Meeting on November 8, 2021

We met as usual at Christ Lutheran Church; however, the Church parking lot was unavailable that evening, so we parked with permission in the Unitarian Universalist Church lot across Brandon Avenue. Several reflective-jacketed members with flashlights guided us across the street at the traffic light and up the sidewalk to the back entrance to the Church; the escorts were available after the meeting to guide us back across the street. Thank you, Crossing Guards!



President Dawn Schaben called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. She welcomed us and thanked us for the get-well cards she received from the Guild following her recent surgery. She also thanked those who served as crossing guards for our meeting before turning the meeting over to Program Chair Richard DeHart.



Program

Richard introduced our program speakers, Melissa and Todd Cassell of Fork Mtn Quilts in Rocky Mount. Both Melissa and Todd were high school teachers. Todd also served 21 years in the Navy. While he was away, Melissa made quilt tops but did not have a way to quilt them. Melissa created a convincing business plan to justify the expense of purchasing a longarm quilting machine, and Fork Mtn Quilts was born. The business grew quickly, attracting customers from around the country. They took the next step this year, opening their quilt shop in August. They sell fabric and notions; they sell and service machines; and they offer quilting classes. Their classroom and ample design wall space are available for open sewing when not being used for classes; check their website for dates available and sign up in advance to reserve a spot. They offer longarm quilting services at the store; however, they are booked through the holidays and beyond. The classroom is used for Quilts of Valor projects on some Saturdays; sign up in advance for this activity.

Our speakers gave us a quick Fabric 101 tutorial. Quilting fabrics may be classified as basics (solids or solid from a distance) and collections. Basics come in quickly after ordering; collections take longer to come in, holiday collections must be ordered a year

in advance, and often a collection is not reprinted. The shop deals with five sales reps who offer a large number of fabrics each, so how does one decide what to order? Melissa's orders follow a formula of one-third fabrics she loves, one-third fabrics she likes, and one-third fabrics she dislikes. Fabric orders are currently about 60 days behind; Benartex fabrics tend to come in more quickly. Five lucky members' ticket numbers were drawn for door prizes from the shop. Fabrics were available for sale, including pillowcase kits for the Ryan's Case for Smiles project.

Business Meeting

Previous meeting minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer: Sue Berry received recent income for the sale of Judy Byrd's quilts.

Quilts: Thirty-nine comfort quilts were turned in at the November 5 Quiltessas meeting. Two were turned in at this meeting.

Membership: Sue Thurston reported 45 members and two guests were present.

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

Library: No report

Newsletter: Editor Laura Perry asks members who are not receiving the newsletter to let her know so she may correct her email list.

Programs: Chair Richard DeHart announced that we will have our Holiday Social Pot Luck Dinner at our December 6 meeting at the Roanoke Church of Christ on Brandon Avenue. Please limit your show and tell items to those with a holiday theme. Instead of the usual holiday gift exchange, please bring finished pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. Due to Covid precautions, the organization will wash all donated pillowcases, so our Guild can skip this step. Our January program will be a round-robin of tables set up for presentations by Starry Eyed Quilters, Comfort Quilts and Row-by-Row.

Social Media: Nothing new to report

Special Events: Cathy Russell is organizing a three-day bus trip to Lancaster PA on April 7; contact her if you are interested in participating. Thirty-two people have already signed up for next year's retreat scheduled September 14-18 at the 4H Center; the expected cost is \$280. Contact Cathy to sign up.

Ways and Means: We will not have Ways and Means tables at our December meeting, but donations of fabric, patterns, books and magazines will be accepted.

Miscellaneous: Ky is collecting bar codes from packages of Hobbs batting. For every five barcodes, Hobbs will sell our Guild a package of batting at a discount. The batting will be used for Comfort Quilts. She has made a collection box for us to deposit any barcodes we acquire.

Closing

The meeting adjourned at 8:10, giving us time to shop the Fork Mtn Quilts merchandise.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Hightower, Secretary



Busy Hands

Join a small group of members working on handwork projects. The countdown to finish those gifts is going fast! We will meet at Barnes and Noble Tanglewood coffee shop on December 20th at 6:30 for about 1½ hours. Any questions, please text Ann Ware (number in directory).

Comfort Quilts

Thank you to all our members who continue to make 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 with birthdays in December.

Another reason to celebrate!

- Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Chair

Starry Eyed Quilters

If you'd like to learn new techniques and use them in making art quilts, ask guild member Susan Kraterfield to put you on the mailing list to learn what they are working on and to join their meetings and field trips to places like Black Dog Salvage.

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

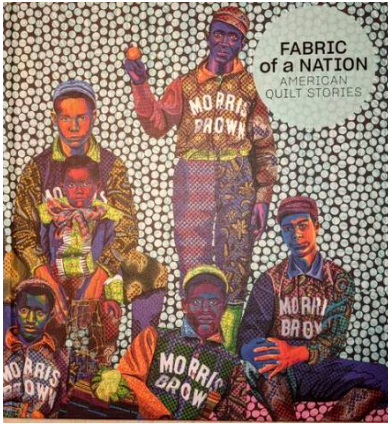


Kelly Zuber's mother passed away on November 27, a few days short of her 100th birthday. Please keep Kelly and her family in your thoughts prayers in this difficult time.

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FABRIC OF A NATION: American Quilt Stories



"Made by Americans of European, African, Native and Hispanic heritage, these quilts and bedcovers range from family heirlooms to acts of political protest, each with its own story to tell."

Karen Lowden and Neva Hart recommend that if you can't get to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to see this exhibit, you look at it online:

<https://www.mfa.org/exhibition/fabric-of-a-nation>

... and maybe buy the book, too.

The Virginia Quilt Museum

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



Star Quilters Guild

Linda Sage Greene · November 29 at 9:21 AM · 🌐

I'm trying to pare down my "stuff." I have a Singer treadle machine that I need to part with. Michael bought it for me about 25 years ago with hopes of restoring it, but we never did. It needs work and the cabinet needs some love.

If you are interested in something to do this winter, let me know. You will need to move it yourself.

ONLY SERIOUS INQUIRIES, PLEASE. Best offer.



Find the Star Quilters Guild facebook group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114448361921935/>

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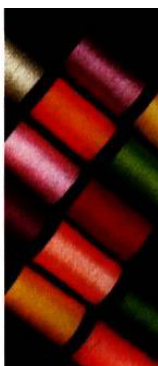
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Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

- (1) A dish for the buffet supper.*
- (2) Completed comfort quilts or quilt blocks for making comfort quilts.
- (3) Donations of fabric, patterns, quilt magazines, and books for Ways and Means.
- (4) Things you've made with a Holiday theme to Show and Tell.
- (5) Hobbs Batting UPCs.
- (6) A guest who is interested in quilting.
- (7) Your name tag.

* Bring store-bought food if you want. Remember what one of our guest speakers said when she was asked how she could accomplish so much as a quilter, designer, and entrepreneur: "Do you ever eat or sleep?" a Guild member wondered.

"We eat and sleep," she replied. "We just don't cook or clean!"