



January 2022 Newsletter
Star Quilters Guild of Roanoke, Virginia,
and the surrounding area of the
beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains
<http://starquilters.org/>

**Join us at Christ Lutheran Church, 2011 Brandon Avenue SW, Roanoke
on Monday, January 10, at 7 PM**



For sure, you're tired from all your Christmas quilting, gift buying, cooking special dishes, entertaining company, and ringing in the New Year, but don't take a rest by missing our January program! We will have a round-robin event to allow members to learn more about Quiltessas/Comfort Quilts, Busy Hands, Starry Eyes, Library, Special Events, and Programs -- there may be a surprise or two, even for long-term members!

Also, the Programs committee will be showcasing our 2022 row-by-row monthly event and will provide two free patterns. Members may make one or the other or both (thinking of you, Becky Keal!). And we'll tell you about a special giveaway at the end of the event and a few other things we have tucked up our sleeves.

-- Richard DeHart, Program Chair

A Message from the Guild President

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Social. As always, it was a wonderful evening of good food, good companionship, and just plain fun. A huge *thank you* to Judy McWhorter for allowing the guild to host the social at the Church of Christ. Her Christmas Village decorations were an added bonus and really added to the festivities. Gisela and her team did just an outstanding job with the decorations on the tables and all the other work of getting ready for the event. Ann Ware organized door prizes for the evening and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to that effort: Ann Ware, Donna Watson, Carol Zaleski, Karen Lubeck, Gisela O'Connor and Sue Berry. If I missed someone, it is unintentional and I appreciate your efforts.

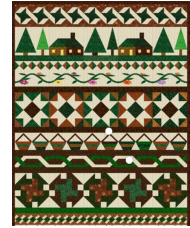
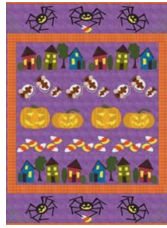
I had asked that guild members make pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles instead of our usual gift exchange. We collected 66 pillowcases at the social and more were delivered to my house for a total of 71 pillowcases. THANK YOU!! Mary Jo Reed was delighted to receive the pillowcases and really appreciated our efforts.

In the words of Oprah Winfrey, "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

Wishing you a Happy New Year!!

Dawn Schaben

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



Guild 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

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Newsletter - Laura Perry

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

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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.

A Sewing Day at Fork Mtn Quilting and a Quilters' Trip to Pennsylvania

Are you interested in joining 8 or 9 other guild members in all-day sewing at Fork Mtn. Quilting in Rocky Mount from 10:00 - 5:45 on Wednesday, January 19th? You can work on anything you like in the company of quilting friends. It is free except for lunch, which will be at Hema's Italian Restaurant. Please let me know if you would like to go.

Want to go quilt fabric shopping to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the 1st week in April? We need 5 more to fill the van. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to go.

Also, the 1st payment for the September Retreat is due. If you signed up, a payment of \$85.00 is now due to confirm our reservation.

- Cathy Russell, Special Events

Financial Information for November 1-30, 2021

Truist Checking Account 1:

\$ 9,901.81 Beginning balance

\$10,284.59 Ending balance

\$ 382.78 Income received

\$ 0.00 Expenses paid

The income received amount includes \$115 of non-member income from the sale of Judi Byrd estate items.

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.

- Sue Berry, Treasurer



Coming in February ...

Coming in February, guild member Barbara Zubler will provide an interactive program for us that will be creative and fun! We'll give you all the exciting details before our February meeting.

~ Richard DeHart, Program Chair

Quilt Show 2023

The 2023 Star Quilters Guild Quilt Show is scheduled for March 22-25, 2023 at the Roanoke Civic Center. The guild is currently looking for a chairperson for the Quilt Show Committee. The committee will need to start working on the show about 10 months before the actual date, so we need this person by April or May 2022. The guild has excellent records and timelines of the planning for previous shows, so anyone working on the show would not be reinventing the wheel. They'd have plenty of help. If you are interested in learning more about this position or the quilt show in general, please contact Dawn Schaben at 540-354-8464.

Donations Sought for National Quilt Day

The Blue Ridge Quilters Guild is planning the Valley celebration of National Quilt Day, to be held on Saturday, March 5th. They like to add to the excitement by having door prizes, and they are seeking our help.

If you have a quilt you have made with no intended recipient, please consider donating it as a door prize. This can be a throw-size or bed-size quilt, table runner, place mats, etc. Other excellent door prizes are pre-cut fabrics such as jelly rolls and charm square packs.

Give your donations to Carolyn Loop, who is also a member of our guild.

Thank You!

... to Gisela O'Connor and the guild members who helped prepare for our December social. The tables looked lovely and the party favors were both pretty and useful!

Mascara Brushes in the Sewing Room

Have you tried using the mascara brushes that we received as a party favor at the guild Christmas party? View the YouTube video from VeryEasySewing as Laura Ann Coia shows how to use the mascara brushes we received as a party favor at the guild Christmas party. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXMNHrPrB9M>

Busy Hands



Join a small group of members working on handwork projects. The group meets at Barnes and Noble Tanglewood on Jan. 17th at 6:30 for about 1½ hrs. Bring an unfinished project or a new project, or just join us for a cup of your favorite coffee or tea. Questions about your project? Someone will have the answer. Any questions, text Ann Ware at the number in the directory.

Would You Like to be ... an Officer of the Guild?

The Nominating Committee for the 2022 elections has been selected: Karen McMillan, Kathy Wickham, and Cathy Russell. The four positions that need candidates are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you have someone you would like to nominate or would like to throw your own name in the hat, please tell one of them. (Their contact information is in the membership directory.) Nominations will be announced at the February meeting, elections held at the March meeting, and new officers will take office at the May Social.

~ Dawn Schaben, President

The Virginia Quilt Museum

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



Find the Star Quilters Guild **facebook** group at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114448361921935/>
You can see it even if you are not a facebook member.

Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Meeting on December 6, 2021

We held our December Holiday Social at Roanoke Church of Christ because our usual meeting place required masks at all times, preventing eating. The meeting room was decorated with many of Judy McWhorter's beautiful holiday quilts and her winter village display. Our Hospitality Committee added to the décor with seasonal table cloths and decorations. Guild members provided a wide variety of pot-luck food items in ample quantity for all to enjoy.

President Dawn Schaben called us to order shortly after 6:00 (the Secretary was too busy chatting to note the exact time) and indicated the table-order for visiting the buffet table. We had ample time to eat and enjoy each other's company, after which we enjoyed a holiday-themed Show and Tell featuring holiday quilts, table-toppers, wall hangings, stockings, and ornaments. And there were party favors and door prizes!

We surprised ourselves by turning in a total of 66 pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles and posed for a photo displaying many of them. The meeting adjourned at 7:39. Respectfully submitted,

Claire Hightower, Secretary

---> See photos from the meeting at <https://starquilters.org/2022/01/05/show-and-tell-december-2021/>

Delivering Comfort to 106 People who Needed It

On December 21st, Ethel and I made a comfort quilt delivery to agencies in the Roanoke Valley. They are as follows...

Turning Points...22 quilts

Ronald MacDonald House...12 quilts

VA Hospital...18 quilts

North Roanoke Assisted Living...10 quilts

Lewis Gale Cancer Center...10 quilts

Carilion Cancer Center...10 quilts

Friendship South...6 quilts

Blue Ridge Women's Crisis Center...18 quilts

A special thank you to all who made this wonderful gift to the people of the Roanoke Valley!

- Judy Bradley, Comfort Quilts Committee



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.



Happy Birthday to the guild members with birthdays in January!

January 2 - Dawn

January 11 - Laura

January 20 - Carolyn L

January 7 - Kyoko

January 11 - Wendye

January 27 - Nancy

January 8 - Janet C

January 16 - David

January 31 - Melody

January 8 - Risa

January 20 - Judy B

- Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Chair

A Good New Year's Resolution: Make a Comfort Quilt

The Star Quilters Guild has a special mission: to make quilts for people in need in our community. You can make these quilts with the Quiltessas on first Fridays, or you can make these quilts in the comfort of your own home, either with a kit provided by the Guild or with fabric of your own. Here are the basics.

A comfort quilt or lap quilt can be made with a simple pattern of 6-inch squares that are sewn into rows of 7 blocks across and 9 down. The minimum size is 36"x47".

Bed-sized quilts go to shelters for people in trouble. Make them large enough for a single bed. Choose fabrics for adults, teens, or children as you prefer.

An injured soldier quilt is bigger -- at least 50" by 60" -- but kits make up quickly into 12 big blocks that are then sewn together. Use cotton fabric but not flannel. Make the backing fabric of a darker color.

Baste together the finished top, the batting, and the backing. Quilt completely, then make an edging by pulling part of the backing over the edges or by sewing on binding in a compatible color.

Because these quilts will be used, not just displayed, please make them sturdy. Quilt them closely -- no more than 3 or 4 inches between quilt lines -- so they won't fall apart when washed.

We all know that quilts are comforting. Think how much the quilts we make can mean to people who especially need comforting -- the homeless, the ill, the lonely -- who will know that kind strangers made them to show that they care.

~ Laura Perry, Newsletter Editor

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Happy 45th Anniversary to Alpine!

Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

- (1) A mask. People with Covid can infect other people *before* they have symptoms, and the Omicron variant can resemble a head cold -- so feel free to wear a mask to protect yourself and others -- *editorial comment by Laura Perry*
- (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) Hobbs Batting UPCs.
- (5) Quilts or quilt supplies for the National Quilt Day celebration.
- (6) A guest who is interested in quilting.

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