



February 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, February 7, at 7 PM**

Start Your Happy Houses Mug Rug with Barbara Zubler

Barbara Zubler will provide instructions and fabric kits for our hands-on program to start a Happy Houses mug rug. Everyone will finish the mug rug at home, but Barbara will get us started. We will have tables set up so that we can all work on our mug rugs at the meeting and go through the steps together.

Please bring a pair of fabric scissors and a glue stick (preferably purple disappearing glue) to the meeting.

-- Richard DeHart, Program Chair



A Message from the Guild President

Happy February!! Just think, only 48 days until spring is here on March 20th, and Daylight Savings Time starts on March 13th. I don't know about you, but I am ready for this snow to melt. My days of enjoying snow are behind me and I am ready for spring!!

I hope you will be able to join us on February 7 for our monthly meeting. Barbara Zubler's presentation/workshop on a Fabric Collage Mug Rug should be entertaining and instructive. I am looking forward to some hands-on creativity and will enjoy the fellowship of learning something new with friends.

Happy Sewing!!

Dawn Schaben



Ways and Means Will Be at the Meeting

We've recently received donations of different items, so there will be new sewing items to shop! You'll find wooden spools of thread, some vintage accessories, and lots of fabric, including a good assortment of "cat" fabric! Real bargains on books and patterns, too. Just in case, bring some spending money or a check to the February meeting.

- Cathy Henderson and Donna Bohon, Ways and Means

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
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, and Angela Miller
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.

Financial Information for December 1-31, 2021

Financial Information

Truist Checking Account 1:

\$ 10,284.59 Beginning balance
\$ 10,144.09 Ending balance
\$ 0.00 Income received
\$ 140.50 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.

- Sue Berry, Treasurer

Find the Star Quilters Guild **facebook** group at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114448361921935/>
You can see it without joining facebook.

Looking for Leadership: Quilt Show 2023



The next Star Quilters Guild Quilt Show is scheduled for March 22-25, 2023 at the Roanoke Civic Center. The guild is currently looking for a member to chair 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 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.

National Quilt Day Celebration in Blue Ridge

Blue Ridge Quilters will be hosting the local National Quilting Day celebration at Colonial Baptist Church, 221 Hillcrest Drive in Blue Ridge (just off 460) on March 5, 2022 from 9:30 am until 2 pm.

The guest speaker is author, crafter, designer, and teacher, Lee Chappell Monroe, who will lecture on Applying Color Theory and present a trunk show.

The fee is \$25, but \$15.00 for ages 16 and under to encourage our young quilters. It includes door prize drawings, one chance to win a donation quilt, and (if ordered in advance and not purchased at the door) lunch, too. The deadline to pre-register is **February 21st**.

One way you can help is by donating a door prize - a quilt, table runner, placemats, jelly rolls, charm square packs, and so forth. You can give your donations to Carolyn Loop, who is also a member of our guild. <https://blueridgequilters.com/>

Welcome to Our Newest Member, Sandra Doyle

Sandra Doyle moved to Roanoke from Albuquerque, New Mexico, seven months ago. She decided when she was 40 years old that she wanted to learn how make quilts. Her great aunt's specialty was appliqué, so she went to her local quilting store in Albuquerque and signed up for an appliqué class. It took her 3 days to finally be brave enough to cut the material and a couple of years to complete her Baltimore Album Quilt. Her instructor suggested that she get the quilt appraised, and it was worth \$15,000 at that time. Sandra prefers to do everything by hand, and her philosophy is "hand quilting is like yoga." Sandra has been quilting for 30 years and has self-published a book on her quilting. She enjoyed January's meeting and wants to expand her horizons and meet other hand-quilters.

Welcome also to our renewing members, Sallie Powers and Shirley Foutz. It's good to see you again!

- Donna Conner, Membership Committee

The Raspberry Kiss Block Exchange

If you'd like to participate in this block exchange, talk to me. I'm a member of the Roanoke Modern Quilt Guild, too. - *Jessica Tims*



The Roanoke Modern Quilt Guild would like to invite you to participate in a Raspberry Kiss Block Swap. Full information, including the sign up form, can be found on their Facebook and Instagram pages.

Quick run down:

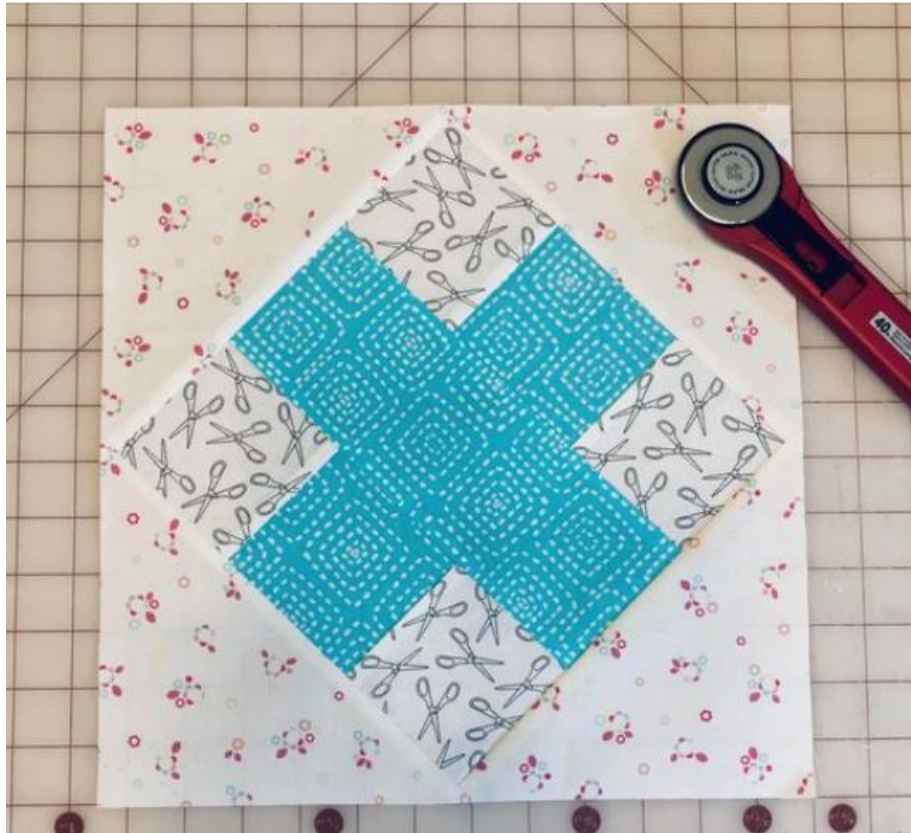
You make 20 of the same block and get yours and 19 others back in return.

You can have a whole quilt top and only choose 3 fabrics instead of 60!

1 yd bright fabric

1 yd low volume for inner squares

2 yds low volume for outer triangles



Busy Hands



This is a drop-in group of members working on handwork projects. We'll meet at Barnes and Noble Tanglewood on February 21st (3rd Monday) at 6:30 for about 1½ hrs. Bring an unfinished project or new project, or just join us for a cup of your favorite coffee. Questions about your project? Someone will have the answer.

Any questions? Text Ann Ware.

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

Guild members elect 4 officers: 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 a member of the Nominating Committee: Karen McMillan, Kathy Wickham, or Cathy Russell. (Their contact information is in the membership directory.)

Elections will be held at the March meeting, and new officers will take office at the May Social.

~ Dawn Schaben, President

Would You Like to Be ... Editor of the Newsletter?

The new committee chairs will be appointed by the new president, but I want you to know that I will not be continuing as Newsletter Editor. Please think about whether you would like to take a job that puts you in the center of all that's happening in the guild, lets you express your creativity, and gets you a lot of thanks from the members!

~ Laura Perry, Newsletter Editor

Delivering Comfort

On January 24th, we gave nine flannel baby quilts to Bethany Hall, a residential program for adult women recovering from substance abuse. Many of these women are pregnant and working to overcome their addiction before they deliver their babies. The quilts are always well received and greatly appreciated.

- Judy Bradley, Comfort Quilts Committee

Happy Birthday to our Guild Members Born in February!

♥ 4 - Kelly Z ♥ 6 - Susan B ♥ 8 - Ginny V ♥ 14 - Karen L ♥

♥ 15 - Martha A and Vickie K ♥ 16 - Kitty D ♥ 18 - Susan K ♥ 27 - Ann W and Sue W ♥

- Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Chair

The Virginia Quilt Museum

Read about current and planned displays at

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/>



Heard through the Quilters Grapevine ...

There are several different emails about someone looking to purchase art in the \$500-5000 range. It's all a scam. The beginning sounds very real, but then they want you to do odd things with the payments, which is a real red flag. - Karin Tauber

Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Meeting on January 10, 2022

We met at our usual meeting place, Christ Lutheran Church. President Dawn Schaben called our meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Dawn welcomed us and, for the benefit of new members and guests, she introduced herself. Dawn shared some online resources she had found to help us organize and track UFOs; she had copies available, just in case any of us have UFOs.

Dawn reported that she visited a Ryan's Case for Smiles work session where she delivered our Guild's contribution of 71 pillowcases. The group works assembly-line style for efficiency; they deliver 300 pillowcases per month.

Business Meeting

Our business meeting was brief to provide more time for our program.

Comfort Quilts: Judy Bradley reported 106 quilts were recently delivered to various organizations.

Historian: Kristin Farwig requests that we hold our Show and Tell projects still for enough time for her to photograph them.

Hospitality: Gisela O'Connor announced the January birthdays.

Library: Kathy Wickham announced that the library has been sorted and organized, with some items donated to Ways and Means, shelves labeled, and books organized mostly by the last name of the author.

Membership: Jennifer Adams reported three new members, with a total of 47 in attendance.

Nominating Committee: The committee is looking for candidates for elected Guild officers for 2022-2023. Please notify the committee (Karen McMillan, Kathy Wickham, Cathy Russell) if you would like to run for office.

Programs: Richard DeHart announced that our February program will be a hands-on project presented by Barbara Zubler, with details to be provided later. He thanked those who participated in the presentation of this evening's program. Two of the eight round-robin tables are program-related. One will solicit suggestions for future programs, with a fat quarter for making a suggestion and entry in a prize drawing if your suggestion is used. The other table is a Row-by-Row project, with two projects to choose from. Those wishing to participate in one or both projects should stop by the table to sign up for the email list to receive fabric yardages needed and directions. One row is scheduled per month, with the completed quilts to be displayed at our December meeting.

Special Events: Contact Cathy Russell at the Special Events table for more information or to sign up.

Ways and Means: We collected \$39.75 at our sales tables.

Program

Our program was a round-robin tour of displays set up by various subgroups of our Guild. In addition to the Row-by-Row and Program Suggestion tables mentioned above, the tour included:

Quilts of Valor: This chapter of the national Quilts of Valor project meets monthly to make quilts to be presented to veterans. Kits and directions for quilt blocks were available.

Starry Eyes: This group meets monthly to choose art quilt projects to work on and present completed projects.

Comfort Quilts: This group makes quilts to be donated to various charitable organizations. Sample quilts were on display, and kits were available for those who wish to make blocks for these quilts.

Busy Hands: This handwork-oriented group meets monthly to work on various individual projects and/or chat.

Special Events: Details of upcoming trips and retreats and sign-up sheets were available.

Library: Information on our library was available.

Closing

Kathy Wickham announced that Blue Ridge Quilters will hold a National Quilt Day event on March 5. Star Quilters are invited to participate. The event will include a display of quilts, a nationally known speaker, and lunch.

Show and Tell: Members displayed their completed projects for all to admire.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Hightower, Secretary

---> Kristin's photos from the meeting will be posted to <http://starquilters.org/>

You Can Still Join Our Row-by-Row Quilt-Along

Featuring two free patterns and a fantastic prize to one lucky finisher!

If you didn't sign up at the January meeting, there will be another opportunity at the February meeting. Or you can email your request to join one or both groups to the group leaders:

Sue Berry (Scandi Row-by-Row): sueberry64@cox.net

Angie Miller (Modern Row-by-Row): angiesuemil@gmail.com

Once you've signed up, you'll get an email outlining the fabric requirements and providing general information right away. We'll also send you the pattern for the first (February) row. To keep up, you will want to make one row a month.

The pattern, tips, and instructions for each row will be emailed at the beginning of each month. You can share tips, questions, and photos with the group all year.

When all the rows have been completed, we will have a show & tell of our finished tops at the December Social. All finishers will be entered into a raffle to win a fantastic prize basket! Only a finished top is required for the raffle - quilting and binding not required to enter!

Now, here is some information that may help you to decide --

Frequently-Asked Questions about our Row-by-Row

Q: How much does it cost?

A: It costs nothing to join, and the patterns are free. You furnish the fabric. The Modern row-by-row is very scrap-friendly (but the Scandi can be made with scraps too!)

Q: Can I join late?

A: Sure! But if you want to be entered for the raffle, you'll have to play some catch-up to finish on time.

Q: Are the patterns hard?

A: The Modern row-by-row is the more beginner-friendly. The Scandi is slightly more advanced because it includes some paper-piecing and more points that have to be matched. Remember, you'll be quilting along with other quilters and can exchange tips and questions. This is a good time to learn a new skill.

Q: Can we meet and work together? Or get a demonstration?

A: Absolutely. Once we know who is joining in, we can communicate and, if the group wants, hold teaching sessions before guild meetings, have a sew-in (Zoom or in person), create a Facebook group -- whatever the group votes on and decides. The first communications and pattern releases will be via group email.

Q: Can I work ahead? I have some months that are busier than others.

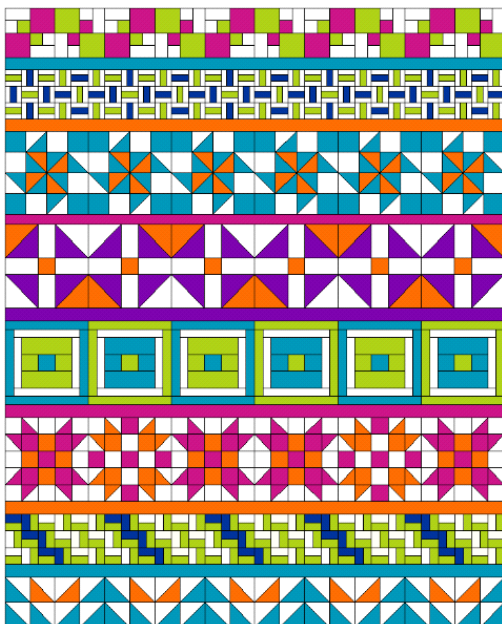
A: That can be arranged. You may miss out on tips and techniques, but contact your group leader and they can forward advance patterns.

Q: Can I do both quilts?

A: Sure, and if you finish both - then I think you should get 2 entries for the raffle!

Q: May I modify the pattern?

A: Creativity is always welcome!



"Modern" Row-by-Row Quilt



"Scandi" Row-by-Row Quilt

Sewing Days at Fork Mtn Quilting



We had a good time sewing all day at Fort Mtn. Quilting in January!

Our next date is **Wednesday, February 16th.**

Let me know if you would like to sew with us.

Cathy Russell, Special Events

Road Trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania



Our trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is complete.

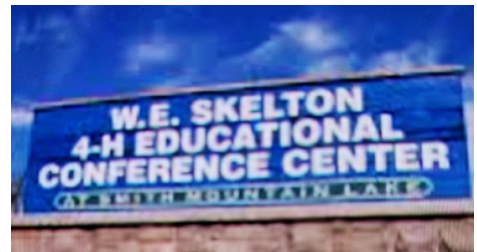
We are leaving April 7th and will be returning April 10th. We all can't wait to visit all the quilt shops, eat soft pretzels, have a homemade ice cream on a homemade waffle cone, buy pickles, salsa, etc. at Kitchen Kettle, see the life of the Amish, and enjoy the scenery. We'll post our journey on facebook.

Cathy Russell, Special Events

Our Fall Retreat: September 14-18

Our Fall Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 - Sunday, September 18 at Smith Mountain Lake. If you're joining us, I need a deposit of \$85.00 ASAP. The total cost is \$280.00 - well worth it for 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ days of all-day sewing plus food and lodging.

Cathy Russell, Special Events



You May Have Noticed ... It's Still Winter!

The Star Quilters Guild follows the schedule of Virginia Western Community College. If their evening classes are canceled due to weather, our meeting will also be canceled. The college will usually post notices closing their evening classes before 4:00 pm and let local news outlets know. <https://www.virginiawestern.edu/>



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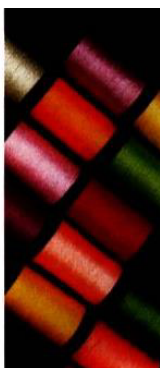
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Happy 45th Anniversary to Alpine!

Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

- (1) Scissors for cutting fabric (not paper) and a purple glue stick.
- (2) Completed comfort quilts or quilt blocks to turn in to the Comfort Quilt committee.
- (3) Donations of fabric, patterns, quilt magazines, and books for the Ways and Means tables.
- (4) Hobbs Batting UPCs.
- (5) Quilts or quilt supplies for the National Quilt Day celebration.
- (6) A guest who is interested in quilting.
- (7) Your ID badge - so our meetings can be a place where "everybody knows your name!"

