



March 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, March 7, at 7 PM  
"I Wish I Had Known..."**

How many times have you ever said, "I wish I had known"? This fun and informative program will feature some of our experienced quilters sharing what they have learned along the way - sometimes the hard way! They'll have plenty of ideas to help us with Design, Construction, Quilting, and Finishing of Quilts.

At the end, we will open the discussion to the group and see what questions or ideas you may have. You can share things that you've learned about quilts, and ask questions about things that you're sure there must be a better way to do!

-- Richard DeHart, Program Chair

### **A Message from the Guild President**

There has been quite a bit of talk about the pillowcases that we made and donated to Ryan's Hope in December. They are easy to make and much appreciated by the children and teen hospital patients who receive them. We are asking that guild members make and donate pillowcases again for the May Social. I'm mentioning it now so you can look for cheerful fabric on the Ways and Means table and at our indoor yard sale in April and, if you want, get started right away.

At the March meeting, elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. New officers will take office at the May Social.

~ Dawn Schaben, President

### **Attention ALL MEMBERS- PHOTOS needed!!**



We will be updating our Star Quilters Guild Directory soon. Many of the photos have been around for so many years that people are hard to recognize. We would like for everyone to have an up-to-date photo in our next directory so we can get to know each other a little better. Please go to the "photo" area at the upcoming meetings and have your picture taken.

If you prefer, you can send a recent headshot of yourself to Jennifer Adams, Membership Chair.

## *A Valentine's Tale about a Goodwill Quilt and a Mother's Love*

*as told to Laura Perry*

Loretta Bedia started the story: "Raf and I were shopping at the Brambleton Goodwill on the day after Valentine's Day," she says, "and a red and white Log Cabin quilt caught my eye. I walked away and checked out a few more things. I was still drawn to the quilt, though. I took it off the hanger, spread it out, and saw that it was in great shape and hand-quilted."

Loretta purchased the quilt and took it home. She had noticed that in the corner was an embroidered name and date, "Susan Yeager Eighty Four."

Two of her friends in the Star Quilters Guild had that name -- David and Cynthia Yeager. So she texted Cynthia and asked if her husband David had a relative named Susan Yeager.

Cynthia told Loretta, "Yes. His mom." Then she added, "She passed away this morning."



Loretta sent her a photo of the quilt and the name in the corner. Cynthia was amazed. "I've never seen that one. She must have gifted it to someone."

"We were stunned at the timing! Loretta found it on the very day that we needed it most. She brought the quilt to us on Wednesday. It was in very good shape (38 years later) and we can only assume that someone else passed away and their family donated the quilt. Susan gave many quilts to Sunday School friends and made dozens of raffle quilts over the years."

"Oh my goodness, if that's not a sign David is doing EXACTLY what he should be doing ... Wow."

Loretta says, "The quilt is now living with its rightful owner."

Cynthia told me, "I just thought the whole story was something we should share with the guild. A reminder to put a label on your quilts ... and never doubt that you are making a difference in someone's life. It came full circle for us on a very emotional day."



## Upcoming Programs

### April program: Indoor Yard Sale

Our April program will be an indoor yard sale. Tables are available to rent for use during the yard sale. The cost for the first table will be \$20, and if you need a second table, the cost will be \$10 more. Treasurer Sue Berry will handle the collection of money from anyone wanting to rent a table for the Sale.

The church will open at 5:30 pm for sellers to set up their tables. Selling will start at 7 pm. In the past, this has been a popular event for sellers and buyers alike. So look at your stash, your unused tools and patterns, and think about making a little money from them!

### May program: Our Spring Social and Pillowcase Drive

Our May meeting will be devoted to food, fun, and friends. Gisela, chair of the Hospitality group, will provide more information later. But here's a heads-up: Since we had great success with our December pillowcase drive, we are going to collect pillowcases for donation at the Spring Social, too. Fire up your sewing machine and use that great fabric from the April yard sale to make some pillowcases for Ryan Smiles.

-- Richard DeHart, Program Chair

## 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.

### Membership Info for 2022-2023

We are updating our Member Information form for the year beginning May 1, 2022. Forms will be added to the April and May newsletters and will be available at the meetings starting in April. Please wait to renew your membership until we get the form updated as there will be some changes made. We look forward to this exciting time of renewal coming soon!! Dues will still be \$20.00. Checks should be made payable to Star Quilters Guild, and we also accept cash.

- Jennifer Adams, Membership Chair

### Welcome to Our Newest Members

#### Becky Foster, Nancy Hughes, and Ann Bailey Johnston

Becky Foster and her husband have lived in Roanoke most of their lives. She has been sewing and knitting for several years. She is a member of the American Sewing Guild that meets on Thursdays, and she has made baby quilts, comfort quilts, knitted hats, etc. for other groups. When Becky retired in 2019 from a CPA firm, quilting rose to the top of her list. She has one of her grandmother's quilts that is hand-pieced and hand-quilted that needs to be mended and restored. Becky has completed a Churn-Dash block for the Quilts of Valor group and plans on attending their next sewing session. She has already signed up for the Star Quilters' Pennsylvania trip. Becky's next quilting project is to make a Log Cabin quilt for their own bed.

Nancy Hughes has lived in Roanoke for over 30 years and is very active in the Garden Club. She is new to quilting. In fact, she is just learning how to sew. Nancy has lots of friends who quilt. Her friend, Karen Taylor, has just joined Star Quilters, so she and Karen carpool together. She is excited about learning simple quilting and then moving on to other projects.

Anne Bailey Johnston was born and raised in Roanoke. Her hobbies include reading, knitting, and flower gardening, but in December 2021, since she was not working and could not do any outside activities, Anne decided to learn to quilt. Anne had never sewn before, and she did not own a sewing machine or iron until December 2021. Shopping locally and on-line for material and other notions became a high priority in her new undertaking. She has decided that she likes batiks the best. Anne started with a table runner kit from Shabby Fabrics, and then she made three Irish Chain baby blankets and gave two away in January, with the third going to one of the grandmothers. She has also made table runners for donations and has made a quilt and donated it to our comfort quilt committee and has two more comfort quilts in the works. Anne said she had the best time doing a small wall hanging kit from "On the Trail Creations" in Anchorage, Alaska. The kit is done in batiks, and she learned fusing and then used decorative stitches to applique the leaves. Anne wishes to thank her wonderful mother, Elsie Bailey, for answering her questions and teaching her techniques. Anne said, "I could not have done this without Mom."

- Donna Conner, Membership Committee



## Financial Information for January 1-31, 2022

Truist Checking Account 1:

\$ 10,144.09 Beginning balance

\$ 10,011.41 Ending balance

\$ 64.75 Income received

\$ 197.43 Expenses paid

If you have noticed around the area, all of the signs for BB&T (the Guild's former bank) and Suntrust Bank have been changed to Truist. Their last major computer merge was completed recently. Our accounts had no issues with the merge.

The guild has a second checking account at Truist, which is used to process PayPal transactions. The balance of this second account is kept at \$100.00.

Please call me if you have comments or questions.

- Sue Berry, Treasurer

## Can You Help with Our Quilt Show in 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 in 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.

## Lake Quilters Guild Quilt Show - April 29-30, 2022

"Every Story Has a Quilt... Every Quilt Has a Story"

For information: <http://www.lakequilters.org/quiltshow/quiltshow.htm>

## 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) **this** Saturday, March 5, from 9:30 am until 2 pm.

The guest speaker is author, crafter, designer, and teacher, Lee Chappell Monroe, who will present a trunk show and talk about "Applying Color Theory to Quilting."

The fee is \$25, but \$15.00 for ages 16 and under to encourage our young quilters ... so think about bringing some with you! The fee includes door prize drawings and a chance to win a donation quilt. Tickets will be available at the door.

BRQ facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/463805798667853>



## Busy Hands

Join a group of members working on handwork projects on Monday, March 21st at Barnes and Noble Tanglewood. Around 6:30 for 1½ hrs. Bring a new project or work-in-progress project. Questions? Text Ann Ware.



## Convergence Quilt Class Online

Ricky Tims is doing an on-line class on his popular Convergence Quilt - April 9-10.  
<https://www.letsquilttogether.com/shop/product/convergence-class-2022-b/>

## Our Guild is Powered by Its Volunteers

Some of the people who are committee chairs or members (see page 2) may be willing to continue in those jobs, but the guild works best when everybody helps. Please don't hesitate to volunteer, even if you are new to the guild. It's the best way not only to support what the guild does but also to make friends who, like you, love quilts!

- Laura Perry, Newsletter Editor

## Delivering Quilts to People Who Need Comforting

Comfort Quilts has just donated 36 quilts to the Presbyterian Community Center on Jamison Avenue. The Center "addresses homelessness and poverty of under-served families in southeast Roanoke by providing emergency financial aid, food access, after-school education, and spiritual development through direct services and community partnerships." Thank you to all who participated in making this possible.

- Judy Bradley, Comfort Quilts Committee

## Happy Birthday to our Guild Members Born in March!

March 2 – Gisela    March 4 - Ann BJ    March 9 - Kathleen R    March 9 – Marilyn N

March 10 – Cathy R    March 16 – Barbara H    March 23 – Ann A    March 25 – Jane H

March 25 – Sherry R    March 26 – Bonnie S

- Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Chair



with thanks to ClipArts.co

## Ways and Means Will Be at the March Meeting

If you're working on a project that needs small amounts of fabric (like the Modern Row-by-Row), check out our selection of fat quarters. You can't beat the price!

- Cathy Henderson and Donna Bohon, Ways and Means Committee

## Please Bring Donations for Ways and Means

Ways and Means needs the help not only of people who buy items but of people who donate items. If you have unneeded fabric, quilting tools, or other items that quilters use, please consider donating them. Money spent at the Ways and Means tables goes straight into the Guild bank account. It's especially needed now because we earned no money from the quilt show that was canceled by Covid in 2021.

Cathy has told me that sometimes people wonder why donations go under the table. It's because she has to take fabric home and measure it, then put a price on it. Almost all fabric is only \$2 a yard - but you have to know how many yards it is!

- Laura Perry, Newsletter Editor



## The Virginia Quilt Museum

The Virginia Quilt Museum is now accepting proposals from artists, curators, guilds and groups for exhibitions in 2023 and 2024.

VQM has 3 floors of gallery space, and we welcome proposals for shows of all sizes and all types of quilts. Our exhibition guidelines outline what is need for an application along with what is considered in accepting a proposal.

Questions? Email Executive Director Alicia Thomas at [director@vaquiltmuseum.org](mailto:director@vaquiltmuseum.org)

## Upcoming Quilt Shows

March 9-12 "Art Feeds the Soul" - Alamance Piecemakers Quilt Guild and Burlington Carousel Quilt Guild present a quilt show in Elon, North Carolina - [www.tinyurl.com/AlamanceShow2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/AlamanceShow2022)

March 25-27 - Palmetto Quilt Guild of Hilton Head Island presents a quilt festival in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina - <https://palmettoquiltguild.org/Quilt-Festivals>

April 8-9 "Together Again" - Heart of the Triad Quilt Show in Winston-Salem, North Carolina - [www.hottqg.com](http://www.hottqg.com)

April 9-10 Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild will have 180 quilts on display plus activities and door prizes - <https://caqg.weebly.com/quilt-show-xvii.html>

April 22-24 Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show in Berryville, Virginia - [www.nsvquiltshow.com](http://www.nsvquiltshow.com)

April 29-30 "Every Story Has a Quilt... Every Quilt Has a Story" by the Lake Quilters Guild - <http://www.lakequilters.org/quiltshow/quiltshow.htm>

## Tips for Cleaning Cutting Mats

Over time, a cutting mat can develop grooves where the cutter blade ran over it -- even when you've been careful to turn the board and not always cut in the same place! An old toothbrush will clean fabric out of these grooves. To clean out bits of batting, try a white pencil eraser.

## Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Meeting on February 7, 2022

We met at our usual place, Christ Lutheran Church. President Dawn Schaben called our meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Dawn welcomed us and introduced herself. Dawn then called on Judy McWhorter, who announced the recent passing of previous Guild member Don Bunce, who served as President 2006-2008 and made many beautiful, award-winning quilts. A Celebration of Life in his honor will be held at a later date.

### Business Meeting

Comfort Quilts: Ethel Simmons reported that a total of 23 completed quilts were turned in recently.

Publicity: Sarah Baumgardner arranged for an article about our 40th Anniversary Celebration that was published in a recent issue of the *Roanoke Times* magazine. A copy of the article was passed around.

Library: Kathy Wickham announced that the library is open! Stickers are being added to classify books by type: applique, modern, etc.

Membership: Jennifer Adams reported that 50 members, one new member, and three guests were signed in for the meeting.

Hospitality: Gisela O'Connor announced the February birthdays.

Special Events: Cathy Russell announced there is still one opening for the Guild's retreat; \$280 covers the cost of lodging, food, and sewing space. A road trip to the Lancaster, PA area is planned for April 7 through April 10. Van transportation and lodging are included in the cost of the trip. See Cathy to sign up for these events.

Newsletter: A volunteer is needed to serve as editor. Anyone interested in that job, or in helping on any of the guild committees, should tell Dawn Schaben.

Row by Row Quilts: Sue Berry announced that it is not too late to sign up for one or both of the ongoing row-of-the-month projects. There is no penalty for working ahead or for not completing a row in its assigned month; the goal is to have a completed quilt top at our December social.

Programs: Our March program will be a presentation by several members on the topic "What I Wish I Had Known," based on their quilting experiences.

Nominating Committee: The committee (Karen McMillan, Kathy Wickham, Cathy Russell) announced the slate of candidates for our upcoming election: Dawn Schaben, President; Sue Berry, Vice President; Becky Foster, Treasurer; and Claire Hightower, Secretary.

Ways and Means: We spent \$297.35 at our sales tables, giving our Ways and Means committee two empty tubs to take home.

Other: Karen Taylor announced that the Lake Quilters Quilt Show will be held April 29 and April 30 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Moneta.

### Program

Guild member Barbara Zubler presented a hands-on program to create a Happy Village based on a book by Karen Eckmeier. Barbara's experience teaching quilting



classes was evident. She had prepared fabric kits for us in advance, and she had small quilts and photos to show us examples of how we could proceed. We cut up our fabrics and glued them to the eight inch square of feature fabric in our kit to make houses with roofs, doors, steps and shrubbery to create our village. What fun!

### Closing

Members of Blue Ridge Quilters showed two opportunity quilts created for the National Quilt Day Celebration on March 5. The event will include a display of quilts, a national speaker, lunch, and drawings for the winners of these quilts. We also enjoyed Show and Tell by our members.

*Claire Hightower, Secretary*

---> Be sure to look at Kristin's photos of the amazing quilts shown at the meeting at <https://starquilters.org/2022/02/24/show-and-tell-february-2022/>

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

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

If you've decided you want to join the RxR fun, email your request to join one or both groups to the group leaders:

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

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

For more information, see the February newsletter - online at <https://starquilters.org/2022/02/02/star-quilters-guild-newsletter-february-2022/>

## **Hooray for In-Person Meetings!**

The director of Stanford Medical School's Center on Stress and Health points out that isolation during the Covid crisis has caused social disengagement — "a lack of contact with other people that in normal times provides pleasure, support, and comfort." Meeting in person is fun and good for our emotional health!

We've heard recently that a few people in our guild would like to join us at our meetings but are unable or unwilling to drive alone at night. If you are one of them, let us know, or try reaching out to someone who lives nearby. (Check the membership directory for addresses.) And if you are going to drive yourself to a meeting, think about whether someone else might want to accompany you.

You can talk about quilting coming and going!



**Donald C. Bunce**

**August 19, 1935 – February 4, 2022**

Longtime members – and people who have seen his quilts at our quilt shows – will remember Don Bunce, who served as President of our guild for several years. He passed away early in February. A celebration of his life will be held later.

Our sympathy to his loved ones.

## Sewing Days at Fork Mountain Quilting

We had a good time sewing all day at Fork Mtn. Quilting in February (with a break for lunch)!

Our next date is **Wednesday, March 23**. Come join us for sewing and fellowship.

We will meet at Lowe's on 220 and carpool to Rocky Mount. Please contact me if you would like to attend. -- *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 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. You can see it without joining facebook at

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

-- *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*

## Fork Mountain Quilting Presentation

If you are disappointed that you missed Fork Mtn. Quilting's presentation to our guild, you may want to be a guest at the next meeting of the Blue Ridge Quilters Guild. On Tuesday, March 8, Fork Mtn. will be demonstrating a special ruler and selling items at 6:30 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4535 Bonsack Road NE, Roanoke.



Guild member Susan Kraterfield will be playing with the Roanoke Valley Community Band in "A Celtic Celebration," featuring not only the band but also the Ardell Stone School of Dance and Tom Rogers on bagpipes. Tuesday, March 15, at 7 pm in the Hidden Valley High School Auditorium (5000 Titan Trail, Roanoke). Admission is free, although donations are welcome.

## Thank Our Advertisers for Their Support!



**Alpine Sewing Machine Co.**  
3609 Brambleton Ave., Roanoke, VA 24018  
540-989-4412  
mail@alpinesewingmachine.com  
You can also call in your order  
for curb side pickup or we will ship to you!  
OPEN Mon. - Fri. 9am to 5pm  
Saturday 9am to 2pm



Cathy Fandel  
Blue Ridge Quilting  
1164 Dry Hill Road  
Ferrum, VA 24088  
Office: 540-365-7430  
Cell: 540-352-9446  
Longarm Machine Quilting since 2003  
[cathyatblueridgequilting@gmail.com](mailto:cathyatblueridgequilting@gmail.com)



Melissa & Todd Cassell  
400 Old Franklin Turnpike, Ste 115  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151  
540-671-8234  
[forkmtnquilting@gmail.com](mailto:forkmtnquilting@gmail.com)  
[www.forkmtnquilting.com](http://www.forkmtnquilting.com)



*Bailiwick Quilting Studio*  
*Statler Gammill Longarm*  
Dawn & Ed Schaben  
Telephone: 540-354-8464  
PO Box 12361  
Roanoke, VA 24025  
[bailiwickquilting@gmail.com](mailto:bailiwickquilting@gmail.com)  
[www.bailiwickquiltingstudio.com](http://www.bailiwickquiltingstudio.com)

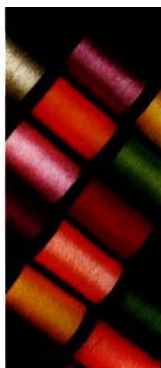
### Embroidery by Anita

Embroidery, Monogramming, & Quilt Labels


#### Anita White

8277 Olsen Road  
Roanoke, VA 24019

Home: 540.400.7566  
Cell: 540.809.8111  
[nitab827@yahoo.com](mailto:nitab827@yahoo.com)



*Making Your Labor of Love Even More Beautiful*  
**Quilting Paisleys**  
*Edge to Edge Quilting at an Affordable Price*  
Check out Quilting Paisleys on Facebook & follow the link to our website  
Kelly Robinson  
Blacksburg, VA  
(434) 610-7788  
[krobinso@vt.edu](mailto:krobinso@vt.edu)



## Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

- (1) Completed comfort quilts or quilt blocks to turn in to the Comfort Quilt committee.
- (2) Donations of fabric, patterns, quilt magazines, and books for Ways and Means.
- (3) Hobbs Batting proofs of purchase.
- (4) A quilting friend who needs a ride to the meeting.
- (5) Something to show and tell - maybe your completed Happy Village creation!
- (6) Your ID badge - so meetings can be a place where "everybody knows your name!"
- (7) Questions and suggestions for "I Wish I'd Known!"
- (8) \$1 for an old-design SQG pin and/or \$2 for a new-design pin.

