



# August 2011 Newsletter

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## Back to School????

Looks like most students in the Roanoke Valley will be starting school in August this year. Where did the summer go?

When was the last time you were in school? Classes are waiting for you at our local quilt shops. You can find classes from beginning quilting to quilts that are very complicated, tote bags to placemats, and even ways to quilt as you go.

Why not do some Back to School shopping for yourself at the quilt shops and sign up for a class or two? You will enjoy yourself, meet fun quilters, and learn a new technique as well.

Linda Greene, President

## Roanoke Virginia Chapter of the American Sewing Guild

You are invited to join with the Roanoke Virginia Chapter of the American Sewing Guild in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Roanoke Area Shop Hop as we celebrate September as National Sewing Month. It will be held on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Pick up a green guest pass at one of the following shops:

**Alpine Sewing Machine Co.   Creative Quilting**  
**Quilting Essentials            The French Thistle**  
**The Quilting Connection**

It will list 6 shops including select Goodwill stores, along with addresses, phone numbers, and shop hours. However, you cannot begin or end at a Goodwill store. Visit all 6 and your name will go into a drawing for a one year membership in the American Sewing Guild (\$50.00 value) or a loaded gift basket.

The stores will be treating you and your guests to refreshments, discounts, door prizes, coupons for future purchases and more. Please join us for a fun filled two days.

For questions or additional information please contact: Sally Rodgers at [sallyrod@cox.net](mailto:sallyrod@cox.net)

## Upcoming Programs

August 1 - *Fusible Appliqué* - Judy McWhorter will share tips on Fusible Appliqué

September 12 - *Electric Quilt* - Susan Kraterfield will present a demonstration on Electric Quilt software. If you have any specific questions or topics that you want Susan to address, give her a note at the Guild meeting or send her an email.

October 3 - *Quilted Fashions Runway* - Pat Lingle and others will participate in a Quilted Fashions Runway show and share instructions for a woven vest.

November 7 - *Approachable Landscape Quilting* - Lois Griffith will demonstrate her Approachable Landscape Quilting techniques.

December 5 - December Social

## Comfort Quilts

Dear Ladies, Thank you for your dedication to our wounded soldiers. I mailed two boxes with 13 quilts to the guild that delivers our quilts to Andrews Air Force Base. These quilts were made by:

Lynn Helgerson-2  
Judy Bradley-2  
Quiltessas Neighborhood group & Judy Bradley  
Gypsy Wimmer  
Natalie McMahon-3  
Teresa Fletcher  
Linda Greene  
Betty Ann Tyree  
Ruth Bunt

ALSO-as you start thinking of back to school, we would appreciate you looking for fabric suitable for kids and teens. A three yard cut of something fun and bright would give us a nice back and some squares for the front. Please, only 100% cotton. Check out the sales at JoAnne's and the local quilt shops to help us with fabric for Back to School. Thank you. Ruth Bunt

### Technique Classes

Members have asked if we could provide Technique Classes at the meetings. Techniques could be anything that you do well that you would like to share with the members. This would not really be a class, but members who were interested in the technique for that month would just drop in.

We would have the class at 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. This would give more people the opportunity to participate as many come early to the meetings. I would like to start these in September. That will give members a chance to choose a technique and date that they would like to teach.

Some techniques that members would like see demonstrated are: hand quilting (i.e. quilters knot), photo fabric (how to adhere to quilt), postage stamp quilting and needle turn appliqué.

If you have expertise in a technique listed above, we would love to have you share your hints. If you have a technique or demonstration that you can show in 30 minutes, contact Linda Greene or you can sign up at the Guild meeting.



### Show and Tell

Each meeting we have Show and Tell. This is the time members bring in what they have been working on to show the group. Everyone is invited to bring in their handwork to share. We also invite guests to bring their work. We love seeing what our friends have been up to.

Some members say the meetings fall after they have finished a quilt as a gift to someone. If you are working on a quilt and will be giving it away before you can show the finished quilt, bring in the quilt top to share. We would love to see it!!!!



**Friendships are sewn one stitch at a time.**

### Raffle Quilt

We still need to finish the Raffle Quilt. The drawing is in October, and the quilt is still not finished. Susan Kraterfield seems to be doing the lion's share of the quilting. If you hand quilt and can spare some time, please help with the Raffle Quilt. You can quilt during the hours Creative Quilting is open.

If you haven't turned in your Raffle Quilt Ticket money, please bring the ticket sales money with you Monday night.

### Busy Fingers Handwork Group

The Busy Fingers Handwork Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at St. John Lutheran at 7:00 PM.

This has evolved to any type of hand-piecing and all hand-piecers or wanna be hand-piecers are invited. It is a great time of fun, fellowship and help from other members. Bring your own supplies. Of course we all will be glad to share if you forget to bring something. For more information contact: Sallie Powers or Linda Greene.

### Barefoot Quiltessas

The Barefoot Quiltessas meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at Our Lady of Nazareth Church, 2505 Electric Road, SW, in Roanoke They meet from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Bring your lunch and join in for fun and hands-on learning. For more information contact: Gayla Heath or Judy Bradley.

A reminder email goes out the Monday or Tuesday before the meeting on Friday. Some emails have come back as undeliverable. If you are not receiving the emails or want to be added to the list, contact Elizabeth Sarver.



**2010-11 Officers and Chairpersons**

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**Treasurer’s Report**

Balance (6/30/11)	\$6,247.60
Income	
Ways & Means	44.90
Membership	53.00
Miscellaneous	6.00
Total Income	\$ 103.90
Expenses	
Membership	60.31
Quilt Show	92.00
Programs	25.99
Total Expenses	\$ 178.30
Balance (7/31/11)	\$6,173.20



**Round Robin**

Remember to bring your Round Robin quilt on Monday.

**Star Quilters Library**

Remember to put your name in the Fat Quarter Drawing for each book or video you check out. Just write your name and the date you check out a book on the paper for the drawing.

Thanks to everyone who has given me suggestions for the quilt books and I would appreciate more suggestions.

Our website has a Library section which lists all of our library books. Books are listed by categories or subjects. All new books are listed in yellow each month.

Chris Epperley

**Newsletter Articles**

Please send Newsletter articles to Linda Greene by the 20th of each month. Thank you!!!

**Newsletter Ads**

If you would like to place an ad for your quilting/sewing related business in our Newsletter, contact Linda Greene. The cost to place your ad in the Star Quilters Guild Newsletters is \$20.00 per year for a business card size ad. This is a great way to advertise your business.

**A fat quarter has fewer calories than a hot fudge sundae!!!!**

### **Living Well Series**

The Living Well Series is an event for seniors that includes a program with speakers in the gallery who share ways that older adults can use their creativity to participate/use/enjoy the arts to enrich their lives as they age. This is presented by the Rescue Mission and Mental Health Association of the Roanoke Valley on each Wednesday in October.

I was contacted by Joy Sylvester-Johnson who is in need of presenters to represent quilting. The program part lasts from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. She has some volunteer quilters that can come to quilt. She needs quilters and a presenter for each Wednesday to talk about how quilting can add richness and texture to a person's life and how it is an artistic expression and that it is never too late to start.

If you are interested in helping with this, please give Linda Greene a call.

### **Quilts for Rescue Mission**

Joy Sylvester-Johnson also asked if our Guild might think about making quilts for the Rescue Mission. They have a handmade quilt on each of their 417 beds. Due to the frequent washings, they wear out quickly and constantly need to be replaced.

I asked if she would be willing to give us 100% cotton shirts or clothing that we can use for quilts that we donate. She is setting that up so we would not need to purchase fabric. Recycle, recycle, recycle!!!!

If you are interested in helping make quilts for the Rescue Mission please contact Linda Greene.

### **Make a Pillowcase, Make a Difference**

The American Patchwork & Quilting One Million Pillowcase Challenge is still continuing. They numbers are going up, but not yet reached a million.

If anyone would be interested in a Pillowcase Day to meet and make pillowcases, let Linda Greene know. We can check to see if we have fabric in Ways and Means we can use, you can bring your own fabric, or Judy has kits to purchase.

Pillowcases can be turned in at Creative Quilting and Judy will go on line and add the number of pillowcases donated to the rolling counter. You can bring finished pillowcases to the Guild meetings or to Creative Quilting.