MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we start to feel Fall weather, it’s time to find projects indoors to keep us busy. Have you thought about making a lap quilt for the Guild’s Charity Challenge of 50 quilts by November? Our Guild has a long history of making quilts for charity and the Comfort Quilts Committee works tirelessly to assemble kits, make them available for members at each meeting, collect, store and deliver finished quilts. They meet once a month and even if you have no time to join them, your participation in making a Comfort Quilt (or 2 or 3) really makes a difference in our greater community.

GUILD BY-LAWS, ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote good fellowship and the interchange of ideas among those engaged or interested in the art and craft of quilting; to stimulate interest in the community; to make quilts for donation to charitable organizations; and to promote the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of quilting through education, sharing, enjoying and appreciating other’s work.

The October program will provide education through Lyric Kinnard’s presentation of “Elements of Art for Every Quilter“. It should prove to be an engaging learning experience in which everyone will find something to challenge their quilt making and stimulate growth in some way.

November will be an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate a life-long passion for quilting with Elise Bailey sharing a trunk show and our Charity Challenge Reveal.

December will promote good fellowship with an on-line party atmosphere, the Starry Night Face Challenge Reveal and sharing friendship with the Ornament Pattern Exchange.

So mark your calendars, activate your creativity and stay connected with the Guild because the new year starts with Carrie Zizza [http://www.itsazizza.com] and “A Deep Dive Into Needles, Thread, Batting and Fabric”.

JOY-fully,
Bonnie Scott
Starquilters.president@gmail.com

Busy Hands

Any member is welcome to join a small group of members working on their hand sewing projects. We will be meeting Monday, October 19th. around 6:30 at Dawn Schaben’s home . Always check the INFO TO STITCH ABOUT on Thursday before in case of any changes. You will find her address in the directory. Please email Ann Ware if you are planning to attend so we will have an idea for seating.

~Ann Ware
Charity Challenge Sew-In

We had a FANTASTIC Charity Challenge Sew-In Day!!!! Zowie...... 23 people attended throughout the day! Here’s a picture saying hello and a picture showing some of the progress!!! We had several door prize winners Sue Thurston, Kristin Farwig, Judy Coffman and Leigh Ann Thomas won handcrafted glass buttons. Laura L Keyes Perry won a SQG logo embroidered Bag Handle Grip, Carolyn Conlon-Zaleski won a handcrafted glass beaded seam ripper, Jill Moody won the SQG Logo embroidered Laundry bag (perfect for carrying quilts) and Gisela Charlotte O’Connor won the SQG logo Embroidered gray tote bag. GREAT FUN!!!

Thanks, Bonnie

URGENT! VACANT VOLUNTEER POSITIONS in the GUILD…….

Program Chair and Program Committee

We are 100 members STRONG in this Guild! The results of our questionnaire show that you want great programs to entertain, and educate, and you’d like too have workshops too! That does not happen by merely wishing! We need volunteers to help!

As the SQG President, I have been filling in for the Program Chair Position along with two great part-time volunteers. It is important to the vitality of this Guild that we have a wide variety of programming. That can only happen when we have a wide variety of participants on the committee who can share ideas. More volunteers make less work for all. I have been forced to take on this added responsibility in this very challenging year of COVID. I have been able to manage so far, only because my business has declined 80%. But, that will not be the case in the new year 2021! I will see that we have programming through April of 2021. We need to fill out the committee and chair with volunteers ASAP! Here are our options:

OPTION #1: Fill the Program Chair with a volunteer member who can work with others to set up programs and oversee the committee. If 6 people join the committee, then each person could be responsible for 2 months. [12 people/1 month e. or 4 people/3 months e.]

OPTION #2: No Programming and Zoom/Regular meetings will be sharing time and Show & Tell. We have a great new resource of contact information about teachers locally and nationally that present on Zoom and in-person. We have a sufficient budget to work with. We have some very talented people in the Guild who could volunteer to make presentations and workshops. The Program positions will entail meeting together to discuss and then planning programming and workshops. The Chair is responsible to attend Board meetings every other month. PLEASE contact Bonnie Scott, [starquilter.president@gmail.com] if you would like to help the Guild keep moving forward.
BOARD & COMMITTEES
(You will see a few openings, please call & join the team!)

Handwork Group...............................................................................................................Ann Ware
Barefoot Quiltessas.......................................................................................................Judy Bradley
Comfort Quilts.................................................................................................................Judy Bradley & Ethel Simmons
Art Quilts.......................................................................................................................Susan Kraterfield
Sunshine..........................................................................................................................Sue Thurston
Membership....................................................................................................................Jennifer Adams, Donna Conner
Ways-n-Means.................................................................................................................Kathy Henderson, Donna Bohon
Newsletter.......................................................................................................................Jill Moody
Quilt Show.........................................................................................................................Judy Coffman
Set-up/Take-down...........................................................................................................Cynthia & David Yeager
Librarian...........................................................................................................................Kathy Wickham & Betty Ann Tyree
Technology
   Webmaster.....................................................................................................................Susan Kraterfield
   Social Media..................................................................................................................Kelly Zuber, Kristin Farwig
Hospitality.........................................................................................................................Gisela O'Connor, Judy McWhorter, Carol Zaleski & Karen Lubeck
Special Events....................................................................................................................Cathy Russell
Historian/Photography.....................................................................................................Kelly Zuber, Kitty DeLapp
Program.............................................................................................................................Sue Thurston, Judy Coffman & Openings
Publicity.............................................................................................................................Sarah Baumgardner, Arlene Blackburn & Laura Perry
President.............................................................................................................................Bonnie Scott
Vice President...................................................................................................................Dawn Schaben
Secretary..........................................................................................................................Karen McMillan
Treasurer............................................................................................................................Deborah Shealy

Treasurer's report for August 21, 2020 - September 24, 2020

Income - $20.00
Expenses - $155.25
September 24, 2020 - Cash on Hand - $11,690.90

Please email me at: deborahmacshealy@gmail.com with any comments or questions.
Thank you.  ~Deborah Shealy, Treasurer
CHARITY CHALLENGE -
GOAL of 50 QUILTS By November!

There’s still plenty of time to make a lap quilt for the Charity Challenge!

PLEASE RSVP ASAP to: Starquilters.president@gmail.com

QUILT SIZES: Adult 45” x 60-65” or children’s 40” x 50-54”

FABRIC or KIT: Feel free to use your stash or Contact Judy Bradley if you’d like to pick up a kit.

PATTERN: You’ll find directions for the Disappearing 9 Patch and the children’s quilts on our website under ‘Comfort Quilts’. Or you can use your own pattern.

BACKING/BINDING/BATTING: The Guild has backing fabric and batting to help members. Contact Judy Bradley early about availability.

QUILTING: You are encouraged to do your own quilting. This is a great way to practice!! But there are a few members who are willing to do quilting for charity and you need to make arrangements ahead of time with Judy Bradley to put you in touch with these volunteers. *Non-members are asked to submit a quilted and bound finished quilt. EVERYONE NOTE: For safety reasons, please do not add any names if you add a tag to your quilt(s)

DEADLINE: “Completed” Quilts will be seen at the November 9th Show-N-Tell Guild Meeting on Zoom. (You may send us a picture ahead of the meeting if you cannot join us.) *Non-members please send the finished quilt(s) to arrive before that date so we can share them during the Show-N-Tell Meeting where the final door prize will be drawn. You may also virtually attend the meeting.

NOVEMBER REVEAL: Completed quilts will be pictured or displayed live on Zoom to be considered part of the Charity Challenge 50 Quilts! Please take a picture to be shown in November, if you turn in the completed quilt ahead of time.

DOOR PRIZE OPPORTUNITY: For every quilt ‘completed’ and shown during the November 9th Guild meeting and turned in following, you will receive a door prize ticket. Drawing will happen at the November SQG Meeting. YES! You may make more than one quilt!!

MORE QUESTIONS: Please contact Judy Bradley bradxjude@aol.com Or contact Bonnie Scott starquilters.president@gmail.com
The Star Quilters Guild Zoom meeting was called to order by President Bonnie Scott at 7:00 pm. We had a total of 38 members and visitors in attendance.

Program by Patchwork Plus

The program for the evening was held by Debe Thomas and Cynthia May of Patchwork Plus in Dayton Virginia. They demonstrated the Disappearing 9 Patch technique. This block takes a simple 9 patch, and by cutting the block both horizontally and vertically, you can achieve a more challenging looking block with very little effort. This technique is one of the choices for the upcoming Charity Sew In via Zoom on Saturday September 26th.

Debe said this block is a great way of using the 5 inch charm packs.

The first block demonstrated consisted of 3 colors - a color for the corners, a center accent color and the background. This block had the colors in the corners.

Debe sewed the blocks together and she recommends pressing to the dark side and to press the seams away form the center to help with nesting the seams in the next steps.

The next step is to cut the block by first measuring the center block for it’s finished size and then divide this measurement in half. She said all measurements should be of the center block and not the edges. Once the cuts have been made, then start spinning the blocks.

A way to change the look of this block is to use light colors in the corners or to use 5 different colors for the corners and center with 4 background squares. A more difficult design would be to add sashing between the 9 patch blocks or to use a small finished block and insert in one of the corners. The sky is the limit!!

**Guild Business**

**Events & Programs:**

- Wednesday Sept 16th to 20th  The Retreat begins!!
- Tuesday Sept 22nd - Outdoor Social at Starkey Park North
- Saturday Sept 26th - Charity Challenge Sew-In Day 9am - 5pm
- Make sure to “bring” the completed quilts to the November Zoom meeting. Remember, Members and Non-Members are welcome to participate! Invite your friends!! RSVP to Bonnie: starquilters.president@gmail.com
- Monday Oct 5th - Monthly guild meeting by Lyric Kinard presenting "The Elements of Art for Every Quilter" on Zoom. This will be an RSVP meeting for members only. Members need to RSVP to Bonnie at starquilters.president@gmail.com
- Monday Oct 12th - Guild Board meeting on Zoom
- December On-line Holiday Party. We will have a December Gift Exchange of a pattern for a Christmas Ornament. Whoever participates by sharing a pattern and showing one completed during the December Show N Tell will receive a copy of all patterns shared!! Please see the info at the end of the minutes!!

**Committees**

**Charity Quilts** - Judy Bradley

Remember the Charity Quilt Sew-In Day on Saturday Sept 26. If you need a kit, please contact Judy Bradley before Tuesday, Sept 22nd (Outdoor Social Event at Starkey Park). Judy will be happy to bring you a kit or two!!

There are additional instructions on the Star Quilters Guild website!! https://starquilters.org/community-service/

**Membership** - Jennifer Adams
We are now 99 members strong!! Jennifer will have membership cards and the welcoming packs for new members at the Outdoor Social Even on Tuesday Sept 22nd.

**Ways N Means** - Donna Bohon & Kathy Henderson
Donna & Kathy will be collecting both magazines/books and fabrics at the Outdoor Social.

**Social Media** - Kelly Zuber
Kelly is still asking members to create and upload those 2-minute tips.

**Hospitality** - Gisela O’Conner
Nothing new to report this time.

**Quilt Block Raffle** - Dawn Schaben
Dawn had 48-50 blocks for the challenge raffle. She is hoping to do the drawing on Sept 22nd and you don’t have to be present to win. If you can’t attend the Outdoor Social, please mail your block to her. Also, it’s not too late to participate. Just contact Dawn and she will mail to you.

**Door Prizes** - Congratulations to the willners!!
Free Membership for 2021 - Jennifer Adams
$20.00 Ways N Means Gift Card - Loretta Bedia

**Show N Tell**
This month we had 6 quilters share what they have been working on. We had a Disappearing 9 Patch quilt, Quilt of Valor & Challenge quilt blocks, Free Motion quilting, Sashiko bags, Courthouse Steps & Stars quilt and then 1 Pattern with 2 quilts - Doubled Charmed!!

Remember to share your pictures to Facebook!!

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20.

*Respectfully submitted,
Karen McMillan, Secretary*

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**PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...Susan Whitney and Linda Christley**

*Sue Whitney..................* Sue started quilting after 9/11 when she lost her job working on Long Island. She and her husband transferred to Martinsville and she worked for 10 years in Hospital Administration. She is a member and current President of the Lake Quilters Guild and heard about us from our Quilt Shows. She started quilting by hand with scissors and templates. She describes it as a ‘wonderful experience’ from January - May of 2012. Then the teacher showed them how to make the quilt half by hand and half by machine. She does her own quilting and does a lot of charity quilts. She’s looking forward to participating in our Zoom meetings and classes. Welcome Sue!

*Linda Christley..............* Linda is a returning member and has been quilting for over 30 years. She started because she ‘liked the idea’. She has hand-quilted all this time and just recently began to play with Free Motion Quilting. She’s excited to learn more about FMQ and interested in seeing all kinds of different things that the Guild Members are doing. She has recently been busy moving her Mother home to live with her, but is anxious to connect with our group as things settle down. Welcome Linda!

~Bonnie Scott
DID YOU KNOW……

There are at least two methods by which thread is rolled onto the spool?

STOCKWOUND THREAD…. It’s wound onto the spool in one continuous line, layer over layer. It is wound straight onto the spool with no additional twist added to the thread itself and therefore must come straight off the side of the spool. If the thread comes off the top of this spool, a twist is added with each complete turn around the spool. This can affect the way the thread makes your stitches. The spool should sit vertically on the holder with the thread coming off the backside of the spool.

CROSSWOUND THREAD…. It’s wrapped in a continuous figure eight around the spool. A twist IS added each time the thread is wound around the spool. This thread should be horizontal and fed off directly from the top (which now faces left on the spool) of the spool so that it will ‘untwist’ itself, releasing the added twist applied in the manufacturing process to make a better stitch.

Most new machines can accommodate both vertical and horizontal thread. If yours does not, you may need a spool holder. www.theuniversalthreadholder.com

~Bonnie Scott

Laurie Lyons’ Update!
She is living in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, now. "I joined the "Lemoyne Star Quilters" last August, our group is less than 30 members. We do much of the same things as in Roanoke but on a smaller scale. Most programs are put on by guild members. No quilt show. I don’t even know if any have ever entered a quilt show. All quilt shows have been cancelled, of course. We resumed meetings for the first time last month. Our program was "Show and Tell." I’ve been able to get quite a few quilts done since retirement and COVID. Including, finishing 4 quilts I had started while in Roanoke!" She adds, "Would love to hear from you again, say 'Hi!' To everyone for me." 717-761-4140 (home phone) or email lyonsl69@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER GIFT EXCHANGE

Share an Ornament Pattern

Remember these ornaments from a time gone by?
For December, let’s gift each other a "new pattern" fo any type of hand-made ornament. (Please don’t use these shown.)
Be creative and find something NEW, different and fun! You may use fiber, fabric, paint, paper, beads, candy, etc..
Whoever participates by sharing a pattern and showing one completed ornament during our December show-n-tell, will receive a copy of all patterns shared.
Share you Holiday Spirit!!
Thank you to everyone that attended the 2nd annual Star Quilters Guild Retreat. We all had a great time, got a lot of sewing done, met new ladies, good fellowship, lots of snacks and laughed a lot.

Come join us next year for our 3rd quilt retreat which will be:
Wednesday, September 15 - Sunday, September 19th.
Save the date and put it on your calendar!!

~Cathy Russell

Stash Blast in Harrisonburg
Saturday, October 17, 2020
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Virginia Quilt Museum

Looking for a great deal on fabric and a way to support the museum? Join us for a Stash Blast at our home in Harrisonburg! Fabric will be on sale for $9.00 a pound. Weather permitting this event will be held outside on the museum’s back lawn.

Virginia Quilt Museum
301 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
(540) 433-3818

For More Info
Click Here
"Scrappy 20 with a Twist in 2021" Guild Challenge

**Challenge:** Choose 10 fabrics of one type and 10 fabrics of another type, plus a background fabric of your choice, to make a quilt. Examples might be 10 darks + 10 lights, 10 reds + 10 blues, 10 stripes + 10 polka dots, 10 Christmas + 10 solids, 10 blacks + 10 whites, 10 fabrics bought years ago + 10 recent fabrics. The combinations are limited only by your imagination!

After you reach the goal of 10 different fabrics of one type, you may use duplicates. Members are encouraged to trade scraps with each other if you need more variety.

**Design Twist:** Get out of your rut and try something new! **GO BOLD!!!** Try a different approach like a new style, colorway, or technique. Example: if you are a traditional quilter, try modern or art; if you lean to neutral colors, try vibrant; if you always piece, try applique.

**Size:** Any size from miniature to king

**Construction:** 3-layer quilt sandwich with binding and label

**Due:** April 2021 SQG meeting (month the 2021 Quilt Show would have been held)

It will not be judged but may be entered in an appropriate category in the 2023 Quilt Show with the addition of a hanging sleeve.

~Judy Coffman, Quilt Show Chair
Dawn’s Quilt Block Lottery

The quilt block lottery that lasted a lot longer than originally planned came to its conclusion at the Guild social last week. A total of 68 blocks were returned by the time of the drawings. There were five drawings total!

Cynthia and David Yeager (selected the 24 block group plus two yards of the original fabric)
Kristin Farwig (selected the 12 block group plus two yards of the original fabric)
Donna Bohon (selected the 16 block group plus two yards of the original fabric)
Kathy Martin (selected the 16 block group plus two yards of the original fabric)
Donna Bohon (received the remaining original material)

~Dawn Schaben

Clothing Donations

If you are looking for a place to donate clothing that will really help families in need at no cost, please consider Mrs. Dorsey’s Clothes Closet in Salem at 825 S. Colorado Street. I contacted Social Services looking for a place to donate my nicer work clothes and they recommended Mrs. Dorsey’s Clothes Closet. The clothes are given to families in need at no cost. It is run by volunteers from several area churches (no salaries). They accept men, women and children clothing and gently used toys, books, games and puzzles. They also take dishes and household items like sheets, blankets, etc. NO FURNITURE OR APPLIANCES!
Check them out on Facebook!

~Dawn Shaben
Sparks of Inspiration
Websites to Spark Your Creativity

Free-Motion Quilting for Beginners: Helen Godden's Liberation from the Ditch w/Helen Godden:
https://youtu.be/SD8a9PTyQ40

The BEST Machine Binding Method Part 1 with Melanie Ham:
https://youtu.be/Xn2swapMHzc

The BEST Machine Binding Method Part 2 with Melanie Ham:
https://youtu.be/ji-2aU_3hHY

Two Disappearing 4-patch quilting blocks - quick and easy quilting with Teresa DownUnder:
https://youtu.be/cUUYBGjLRzg ***

How To Layer A Quilt with The Sewing Room Channel:
https://youtu.be/XNUJZjIRVE

~Bonnie Scott

Every Friday, Jenny Doan from Missouri Quilt Company does a tutorial on Facebook. Later in the day, you can catch it on YouTube if you have subscribed to their videos. Also, you can download the app and all her tutorials from the very beginning to the most recent are on the app. On Tuesday's, her daughter-in-law, Misty, has a tutorial, new items, guests, on her show. You can find out the times for both by joining the Missouri Star's Facebook page.

Quilting Tutorials by MSQC App:

On Friday, Kimberly Jolly from Fat Quarter Shop, has a show on about 11:00 am on Facebook. You can also watch it later on YouTube if you have subscribed to their videos. She shows in advanced new fabric lines that will be available on her site, free tutorials, new notions, has guest speakers, does questions/answers segments, completed quilt pattern samples, block of the months, and many many other items. Check her out and also her website.

Shabby Fabrics also has very good tutorials but you have to follow their Facebook page. Check their website and their Facebook page.

~Cathy Russell

***I'm using this tutorial to make a comfort quilt for the Charity Challenge. Here is Row 1
SewBiz is having a 39th birthday sale, Oct 1 to 3rd. 39% off one item!

Would you like to participate without using Zoom? Feel free to call Bonnie Scott at 607-227-3859 or email at starquilters.president@gmail.com and RSVP that you’d like to participate by phone. She will mail you the information by email or snail mail. You can then call in at the check-in times during the event and ask questions.

RULER HOLDERS: Jennifer Adams has extra plastic ruler sleeves to sell. Her email address is aboy4me4x@gmail.com

Blue 9x12: $3 ea. $15 for 5 $30 for 10
Black 11x14: $3.25 ea. $16.25 for 5 $32.50 for 10

Deluxe Job Ticket Holders - 9 x 12”, Blue

Call attention to job orders, low inventories or important instructions.
- Convenient hanging strap loops over hooks and machinery.
- Tough 20 mil vinyl keeps paperwork flat.
- Short-side opening.
- Reusable, long lasting, portable.
- Metal eyelets for hanging.
- Durable vinyl stitched seams
- Clear on both sides.

Deluxe Job Ticket Holders - 11 x 14”, Black

Call attention to job orders, low inventories or important instructions.
- Convenient hanging strap loops over hooks and machinery.
- Tough 20 mil vinyl keeps paperwork flat.
- Short-side opening.
- Reusable, long lasting, portable.
- Metal eyelets for hanging.
- Durable vinyl stitched seams.
- Clear on both sides.
Wouldn’t it be nice to have a quiet place to go to so that you could “Sew In Peace”? Like a retreat any time you might need one? Change is in the air at Bargain Barn Fabrics.....stay tuned!

Linda’s Sewing Arts, LLC
Linda Sage Greene
Roanoke, Virginia
(540) 345-2291

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The Virginia Register, the magazine advertising craft shops and events in Virginia, is usually distributed at our meetings when it arrives every other month. Kathy Wickham has copies of the VA register magazine. If you would like a copy, just let her know. Due to current conditions, the September/October issue is also available online. Download a copy at: [http://theregisterweb.com/Papers/VA-CURRENTISSUE.pdf](http://theregisterweb.com/Papers/VA-CURRENTISSUE.pdf).

People who want an ad in our newsletter should remember that payment for that is due at the same time as membership dues. The cost is $20 a year for a business-card sized ad that appears in every issue of the newsletter.

Refresher course......

[Image of a comic strip by Jennifer Lopez titled "I COOKED TODAY, I MADE A QUILT SANDWICH!" by Jen Lopez.](http://bytheyardcomics.com/)

~Jennifer Lopez

Member Information
May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

☐ New Member
☐ Renewing Member  Date: ______________

Name: (please print) ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

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Phone:  Email: ________________________________________________________________

Birthday: Month: ___________ Day: ___________

(We do not share our mailing list or email list. We use this information for the Guild Membership Directory, to send our monthly Star Quilters Guild Newsletter, and to send notices regarding seminars or classes sponsored by the Guild.)

I would like to serve on the following committees:

☐ Hospitality  ☐ Newsletter  ☐ Historian
☐ Welcoming Greeter  ☐ Ways & Means  ☐ Membership
☐ Service Projects  ☐ Publicity  ☐ Quilt Show
☐ Other ______________  ☐ Workshops

Emergency Contact Person during Star Quilters Guild Meetings:

Name ___________________________ relationship ___________________________ Telephone Number ________________

Please return this Member Information form and your money ($15) to the membership desk or mail it to Jennifer Adams 5929 Brahma Road, Roanoke, VA 24018