



July 2021 Newsletter
Star Quilters Guild of Roanoke, Virginia
and the surrounding area of the
beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains

<http://starquilters.org/>

GUILD BUSINESS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

APRIL 2021 *Wendye Anttila, Heidi Lane, Sherry Ricci*

MAY 2021 *Carolyn Chrisman and Janice McCallum*

Please Welcome New Members...

Janice McCallum is a home health physical therapist, who works part time 2-4 days/week. She was born in Lynchburg, lived 20+ years in Colorado, 10 years in Nebraska and now resides in Bedford. Her other hobbies are flyfishing, gardening and reading. Janice and Hank have two grown sons in the Army, one stationed in Alaska and the other in El Paso, Texas but he is heading to Korea soon. Janice's mother sewed, so she sewed all her life, but she did not learn to quilt until her youngest son was in kindergarten. He is now 23 years old. At his kindergarten, she met a quilter who taught her hand quilting once a week. She has given up hand quilting and has made patterns. She uses the Deb Tucker Studio 180 rulers and has been using the rulers to break down other patterns into units that are oversized and trimmed down to fit. She loves to analyze and to be precise with her projects. Right now, she is working on Deb Tucker's "Hunter's Star" quilt in summer colors and a flying geese table runner using the V Block. Her husband gave her 10 fat quarters from Tim Holtz "Abandoned" collection. The collection looks like urban buildings and would be perfect for a modern quilt project.

Sherry Ricci has lived in six different places across the country while her husband worked for General Electric. They have lived in Roanoke for 38 years and she has been quilting for 25+ years. She likes to work in her flower garden, but the deer have been eating all her daylilies. Sherry's husband also quilts and has made table runners. Sherry has been a fan of Kaffe Fassett and Jenny Doan [Missouri Star Quilt Company]. She is currently working on a Star quilt and will have it machine quilted by a professional. Sherry is highly organized because she takes her pattern, gathers the materials in a container and is ready to create a quilt...she has 6 ready to go right now. She had been a member of the guild years ago [She knows Sue Berry and Donna Kittelson.]. Sherry said her "claim to fame" was a presentation on "The Story of Africa," a large wall hanging of her own design in which she researched, auditioned fabrics, drew the design with half square triangles and quilted in circles. Sherry "loves to give her quilts to her family and friends."

Carolyn Chrisman was born in Pennsylvania, moved to Richmond then and went to college at William & Mary. From there she moved to Norfolk and has been in Roanoke for the last twenty years. They have two children, one in Roanoke and one in Durham, NC. She is an avid walker (3-4 miles a day) and a reader and her husband is an amateur astronomer. Her mother was a quilter, and Carolyn has been quilting for over twenty years. Carolyn likes to do piecing and hand quilting. She is currently working on her fourth queen size bed quilt which she is hand quilting, and it will take a year to finish quilting it. Carolyn retired a year ago from Carilion, so she is interested in learning different techniques and projects that are more complicated.

~Donna Conner



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updated July 12, 2021 from "Information about our IRS status from your Star Quilters Guild Board" email

bold italics are board changes since June Guild meeting



Comfort Quilts

Recently it was decided to include the Cancer Care Center at Lewis Gale in our quilt donations. During our initial visit, we encountered a woman in a wheelchair sitting in the waiting area. We couldn't determine her age, as cancer robs you of your youth. But it was obvious she was quite ill. She noticed the quilts we were holding and pointed to a particularly bright one. Later, that quilt was pulled from the bottom of the stack and handed to her. It's hard to overstate this woman's reaction, one of gratitude, to that simple act of kindness from the Star Quilters Guild.

~Judy Bradley

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Busy Hands

Join a small group of members working on hand sewing projects at Barnes & Noble Tanglewood on July 19th around 6:30 pm in the Café area. They are now open later hours. Any questions text Ann Ware.

~Ann Ware

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Quiltessas

Since this group consists of both guild members and non-guild members, the group will no longer have updates in the newsletter. If you are interested in this group and would like to attend, please contact Judy Bradley.

~Fill Moody

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022

We have 101 members as I write this today (compared to 87 at the same time last year). I am still working on the directory and hope to email it to you soon. We have added 5 new members, three in April, Wendye Anttila, Heidi Lane and Sherry Ricci and two in May, Carolyn Chrisman and Janice McCallum. Please be sure to read their "get to know me" introductions in the recent newsletters. We look forward to seeing everyone at our in-person meeting soon. Remember to check-in at the membership.

*We look forward to hearing from you!
Jennifer Adams & Donna Conner
Membership Committee*

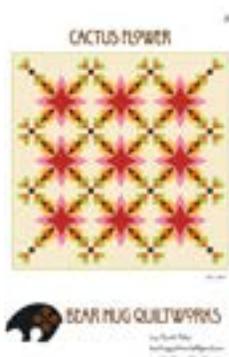
PROGRAMMING/EDUCATION

In-person Guild Meetings Start Monday, July 12, 2021, 7:00pm Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Presenter: Lisa Routh Alley, Bear Hug Quilt Works, Winston-Salem, NC

Star Quilters Guild's first in-person meeting since early 2020 will feature a presentation from Lisa Routh Alley of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, an accomplished quilter and pattern designer. Lisa has made approximately 700 quilts. She will present a trunk show of quilts made from her patterns. Using her experience as a quilter, Lisa is also a prominent quilt show judge; she judged the 2018 Floyd Quilt Guild show and awarded ribbons to several members of Star Quilters Guild. You can check out her website www.bearhugquiltworks.com or visit her Etsy store under the same name. Below are pictures of quilts from two of her patterns, *Cactus Flower* and *Burbs*, respectively.

Donna Kittelson and Sue Berry will conduct a min-lesson beginning at 6:30pm of embroidery



stitches and folded fabric flowers, a continuation of their May presentation, “Flowers, Flowers, Flowers.”

NOTE: The seating for the meeting will be arranged with as much social distancing as can be accomplished in the church for approximately 60 people. Masks will be optional.

~ Sue Berry, Program Chair

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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

July 12th ***In-Person Meeting:*** Featured speaker will be Lisa Routh Alley of Bear Hug Quiltworks.

August 2nd “Indigenous Quilts” by Tamara Carter

Sept 22- 26 Third Annual SQG Fall Retreat at 4-H Center, Smith Mountain Lake

(Registration is online....Questions contact Cathy Russell at 540-494-0522)

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

July 12th 6:30 pm, Mini-Workshop: Flowers, Flowers, Flowers (continued from May mtg.)

Opportunity Karen Combs has extended to those interested in her Patchwork Illusions class a discount of 15% on her on-line class that normally costs \$59. Here is a link to signing up for the class: <https://coursecraft.net/courses/z929p/enrollments/new> . The discount code is: SAVE15 . Contact Sue Berry for any questions regarding this opportunity.

MONTHLY CHALLENGES

- September SQG 40th Anniversary Guild Challenge Reveal
Wholecloth Challenge Reveal - Starry-Eyed Quilters
November Architecture Challenge Reveal - Starry-Eyed Quilters

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- July 17th Shopping trip to Floyd, Radford, Wytheville & Fancy Gap to visit *Schoolhouse Fabrics, Sew Biz, Batik's Etc. and Fancy Gap Pottery & Fabric Outlet* (rescheduled from May 8th)
- August 21st: Shopping trip to Lynchburg/Rustburg to visit *Sew Simple, Quilted Expressions & Threads Run Thru It.*
Details for the Monthly Programs, Workshops, Challenges and Activities can be found on the SQG website (<https://starquilters.org>)

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DID YOU KNOW?

MEASURE....MEASURE.....CUT!

Last month I talked about how to find more fabric when I was in the middle of a project and realized I had not cut enough of one block. This month it's time to talk about other solutions when you've followed instructions carefully, measured twice and cut once, only to find a mistaken cut.

- 1) Run to the store and get more fabric or try the solutions recommended in the June Newsletter to find it.
- 2) If this happens as you're just beginning to cut pieces, it's possible that you can cut some of the remaining pieces conservatively from this piece and start again with the cloth for things to work out.
- 3) It's often suggested to cut the biggest pieces first from the recommended yardage, then the leftovers from those cuts are used for the smaller pieces.
- 4) If you do not have enough leftover scraps of fabric to cut a whole piece, it's time to sew smaller pieces together with a straight seam and press the seam open. Once quilted it's likely that it won't be noticed on a solid color or busy micro-prints. But if it's a large-scale print, you might not get away with it unless you do your best to match the print.
- 5) Of course, there's always the opportunity to sew a creative applique over the area.
- 6) Remember you can substitute from your stash, a friend's stash or from the store with a similar but different fabric, unless an exact match is needed

It happens to all quilters.....it's an opportunity to be even more creative!

~ Bonnie Scott

AREAS OF INTEREST

JULY BIRTHDAYS



- Elsie Bailey 2nd
- Terry Doyle 2nd
- Loretta Twiford 6th
- Natalie Norris 8th
- Jessica Tims 11th
- Sue Thurston 13th
- Judith Ruggles 13th
- Louise Slates 16th
- Chris Epperly 17th
- Carolyn Chrisman 25th
- Heidi Lane 26th



~ Gisela O'Connor

Roanoke/Salem Loses Last Quilt Store - part 3...

A New Quilt Shop

It isn't in the Roanoke or Salem area but it isn't too far down 220! There is a new quilt shop opening in Rocky Mount! Fork Mountain Quilting will be having their grand opening on August 7th. Their address is:

400 Old Franklin Turnpike, Suite 115
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Located in the Rocky Mount Marketplace, Rocky Mount, VA

Here is a link to their website: <https://www.forkmtnquilting.com/> and their Facebook page is already up and running.

~Fill Moody

Thank you to the many of you that reached out with your supportive and kind words regarding my resignation as Treasurer. Your support has truly touched my heart.

It is my hope that the current board will address the significance of two key members, President and Treasurer resigning within days of one another and not merely dismiss this with a mere half sentence noting the resignation.

No one that volunteers and dedicates his or her time to serve this Guild should ever feel the need to resign with such sad dismay and frustration.

I left this Guild knowing that all financials were "in perfect order" – a fact noted by one of the auditors, Janet Chappel in an email regarding the audit of the books as I left them. I so much appreciate the hard work and diligent communication from those involved with the financial concerns of this Guild throughout the COVID year. I certainly could not have done it without you.

This is a great Guild with so much talent and goodness bursting from within. Please, let's move forward with kindness.

~Deb Shealy

***If people are good only because they fear punishment,
and hope for reward,
then we are a sorry lot indeed.***

~Albert Einstein



Area Events

Did you see Karin Tauber's July newsletter? If not, you can find it here: <https://mailchi.mp/18bea56135cc/ydhmr674py-13389883?e=ea76bd1cd7>

Karin Tauber does a wonderful job of collecting and compiling a newsletter of quilting events in our area.

Regional Events



Quilt Evaluation Days

July 23 and July 24, 2021.

Each session is \$20 plus admission to the museum. For more information visit the museum's website: <https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/events-1>.



Upcoming VCQ Workshop:

"Shimmering Triangles"

with Julia Graves on August 14, 2021

Sign up today at www.vcq.org

National Events



The Quilting Party



Mini Mid-Mod Quilts

By David Owen Hastings, Sequim, WA

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Live stream 3-hour workshop via Zoom

12pm – 3 pm Eastern Time

DAVID'S WEB SITE: www.davidowenhastings.com

Registration is open \$40 for members of The Quilting Party & TAVA

\$45 workshop fee per person for non-members

For more information, registration form, and supply list please visit our webpage: bit.ly/thequiltingparty

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