



## March 2016 Newsletter

Star Quilters Guild of the Roanoke, Virginia, area <http://starquilters.org/>

Dear Members,

Hopefully the snowy weather has passed and we can look forward to Spring time. It was nice being snowbound for a few days, though. I did get several UFO's completed or worked on and more added to my list. I enjoyed seeing all the projects you completed during that time. Remember to share your pictures on Facebook for all of us to enjoy. Don't forget we have our own membership on Facebook under groups. If you have not joined, please do so.

March is the month for several large quilt shows. If you have a chance, grab a buddy and go. There is so much to see, learn, and buy!

Happy Quilting!

Ann, Your President

### **Monday, March 7th at 6:00 PM: Mini-Demonstration**

Kathy Wickham will demonstrate how to Quilt As You Go.

### **Monday, March 7th at 7:00 PM: Our Regular Meeting**

#### *Machine Quilting in the Embroidery Hoop*

Debra Sigrist of Alpine Sewing Machines will execute quilt blocks with the embroidery machine. She will be bringing many samples to display.

During the business meeting, we will vote on acceptance of the Guild By-Laws.



### **Barefoot Quiltessas Will Meet This Friday**

The Barefoot Quiltessas, Guild members who meet each month to make comfort quilts, shelter quilts, and veteran's quilts, will meet at Our Lady of Nazareth Church, 2505 Electric Road, SW, in Roanoke County, from 10 AM to 3 PM on Friday, March 4 -- weather permitting! If it snows, I will telephone to find out whether the parking lot has been plowed. Call me if you need an update.

We are still working on the shelter quilts, so come prepared to work on them if you want.

Don't forget your sack lunch and a nonperishable item to put in the Kroger cart.

Hope to see you all Friday!

Judy Bradley, Comfort Quilts Chair

Things to bring to Monday's meeting: (1) Your RED crazy quilt block for the drawing. (2) Finished comfort quilts and finished comfort quilt blocks. (3) Something for your Secret Quilt Pal. (4) Your membership form and dues for the coming year. (5) Your name tag.

### 2014-15 Officers and Committee Chairs

President .....	Ann Ware
Vice-President .....	Kathy Wickham
Secretary .....	Loretta Twiford
Treasurer .....	Susan Kraterfield
Newsletter .....	Laura Perry
Comfort Quilts .....	Judy Bradley
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Membership .....	Judy Coffman
Programs .....	Tamara McBride
Special Events .....	Linda Cronise
Ways & Means .....	Vickie Kuhlman
Sunshine .....	Donna Kittelson

Please contact any of the people above if you have questions. Their telephone numbers and email addresses are in the Membership Directory. If you need a copy of the directory, ask Judy Coffman.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 4, 7:00 p.m. "The Care and Maintenance of Our Machines." Presented by Jerry Whitt from Creative Stitches in Lynchburg.

May 2, 6:00 p.m. Spring Social. Details will be forthcoming from the committee.

~ *Tam McBride*, Program Chair

### RECYCLED NEWS

For information on the workshop sponsored by the Lake Quilters' Guild, "It's OKAY to write on your quilt" by Cyndi Sauder, on March 22, see the February newsletter.

For information about the bus trip to quilt shows in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on March 17 - 19, go to <http://www.gosunshinetours.com/red/Landquilt.htm>

### LAKE QUILTERS GUILD SHOW IN APRIL

Lake Quilters Guild at Smith Mountain Lake, Inc., proudly presents CELEBRATING QUILTING 2016 on April 1 & 2, 2016, with technique demonstrations, displays, drawings for 2 raffle quilts, a new children's exhibit, a lunch cafe, and door prizes every hour. On Friday, 9:30 - 4:30 and on Saturday, 9:30 - 4:00, at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, VA. Admission: \$5 Donation. ~ *Vicki and Lori*, 2016 Lake Quilters Guild Show Chairs



### Busy Hands

This group meets at Starbucks inside Barnes & Noble at Tanglewood Mall each 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM for about 90 minutes. This month, that is March 21st.

We had a good time in February. We got to see how Gisela's gorgeous hand-stitched quilt is coming along and view photos of Ann's new dog, Sandy!



## Minutes of the Star Quilters Meeting on February 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Ann Ware, at 7:00 pm with a request to either turn cell phones off or turn them to vibrate. Also, she mentioned that there had been complaints of noise during the meetings and/or programs and some folks could not hear, so please keep the noise down during the meetings and programs.

### Old Business

#### Committees:

Newsletter - Is everyone getting their newsletter? Yes.

Comfort Quilts - Ethel Simmons reported 8 comfort quilts and 2 soldier quilts turned in tonight and she reminded us that she does have kits available for members to take home, make and bring back.

Ann Ware told about the Comfort Quilt workshop held on January 16th; she said there were probably 13 people attending and we got a lot accomplished, and thank you to everyone who participated.

Treasurer - Susan Kraterfield gave the bank balance and reported we made almost \$1300 in the Silent Auction.

Membership - Judy Coffman said we have 51 members present tonight along with four visitors, whom she introduced. Judy announced that we will be accepting membership dues for 2016 in March and hope to have all members paid up by the end of April. Membership Committee prefers we write a \$20 check, but they will accept cash. Along with your membership dues, please fill out and turn in the membership information form, available on the desk.

Sunshine Committee - Is anyone ill? No. Good!

Programs - Tam McBride said next month, March, the program will be Lori Clayton of Threads Run Thru It located in Phenix, VA and she will also have kits available. April will be Jerry Whitt from Creative Expressions in Lynchburg, VA who will speak on the care and maintenance of our machines. Then May will be spring social.

Also, we added a crazy quilt workshop with Avis Withers (remember her from September 12th crazy quilt workshop and September 14th meeting program?), who will provide everything needed to make a crazy quilt egg, although not in time for this Easter. The egg will be 8" long and 16" in circumference. The workshop will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, the fee will be \$25 and is limited to 20 students. Tam passed around a sign-up sheet for the workshop.

Ann Ware then said that next month the mini-demos will begin again, starting at 6:00 pm with Kathy Wickham and Quilt As You Go.

Ways and Means - Judy McWhorter reported that so far there was \$36.35.

Ann Ware asked if everyone had gotten a survey form to fill out, and to please fill one out and return it in the next couple of months.

About the silent auction, there were a couple of items which had been bid on but not picked up. There was a turtle pattern, a cross stitch, fabric with charm pack. If no one claims them, they will be given to Ways and Means. Kathy Martin said she would take the turtle pattern for the \$5.50 that was bid.

#### New Business

Ann Ware then said there were 30 green paper pieced blocks turned in tonight. A drawing was held and last month's winner, Linda Badger, drew the winner's name - Chris Epperly. Congratulations to Chris who will assemble the blocks into a quilt top and either keep it or donate it to Comfort Quilts.

Ann then called on Judy McWhorter to make an announcement. She said that ConKerr Cancer had changed its name to Ryan's Case for Smiles (<http://caseforsmiles.org>). They are asking folks to make standard size pillow cases for children undergoing illness, and Creative Quilting Connection will be a drop-off point for the pillow cases, which will all remain locally in Roanoke Valley and be given to Carilion Memorial Hospital. They can be made with or without a contrasting strip and with or without a cuff. This will be an ongoing project.

Ann Ware handed out slips of paper and said in the last few months, the past presidents and the Board have been reviewing the By-Laws to determine any corrections that needed to be made. Within the next few days she will email them out to the membership and the membership will have 30 days to review them, so at the next meeting (March) we will then vote on whether to accept the By-Laws.

In the month of January, a group got together to work up a budget for the Quilt Show. As a membership, we voted on a quilt show in the spring; the budget had to be approved by the Board. The Board did approve it and it will go on the Guild budget in May as a guideline for the Quilt Show Committee. The new By-Laws will go into effect after March and therein is a statement that the Quilt Show Budget will be approved by the membership. This is the best figure they could come up with.

Next month the Nominating Committee will be calling on folks to fill offices for the upcoming term - be ready to say "yes."

Ann announced that we will be putting up a sign on the railing before each meeting in order that any visitors can see where we are. We will get a vinyl sign made to tie to the railing. If anyone has pull with a vinyl sign maker, please let Ann know.

Ann asked if anyone had anything else to discuss before the Show and Tell. Sallie Powers said she and Becky Kea had discussed how to reduce UFO's (UnFinished Objects). They said one way was to study for their quilting PHD's (Projects Half Done). You are welcome to study with them for your very own quilting PHD. See Sallie for details.

Then came Show and Tell, always a treat and inspiration to see the wide variety of talent among the members. (Say, does this mean they got their PHD degrees?)

The program was turned over to Carol Sheldon who guided us through the process of making our very own original Zentangles. She had numerous samples and examples set out on a table at the

front for our perusal. What an exhilarating time I had delving into this process I had wanted for a very long time to try; Carol made it so easy to try. Well done, Carol. She recommends that we go to [www.zentangle.com](http://www.zentangle.com) for further inspiration. Wow, what a cover page -- ya gotta go there !

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Loretta Twiford*, Secretary



#### Show and Tell Quilt Photos

Thanks to Kristin Farwig for helping us display our quilts at their best! See her photos each month on our website, <http://starquilters.org/>

#### Join Us for Another Year of Quiltextravaganza!

It's time to renew your membership to the Star Quilters Guild for May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. Please bring a \$20 check made payable to "Star Quilters Guild" along with a completed membership form to either the March or April meeting. (Exact cash will be accepted but is discouraged; checks are easier to track.) Forms will be available at the welcome table for those without internet access or for your convenience. Of course, joining the guild is open any time of the year. Please encourage your quilting or pre-quilting friends to visit any meeting or activity.

~ *Judy Coffman*, Membership Chair

#### Floyd Quilt Guild is on the Move!

The Floyd Quilt Guild will present its Quilt Show at a new location this year. The show will be held at the Floyd EcoVillage, 188 Eco Village Trail SE, in Floyd. Hours are 9 to 4 on Friday, May 13th, and Saturday, May 14th. This new venue is spacious and bright with convenient parking. Admission is \$5 daily.

The deadline for registering quilts for the show is April 23, 2016. For more information, see our website at [FloydQuiltGuild.com](http://FloydQuiltGuild.com) or telephone *Sue Berry* (540-204-1994).



#### Virginia Quilt Museum

See the museum's website at [www.vaquiltmuseum.org](http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org) for information about upcoming programs:  
March 12 -- Kyra Hicks on "The Roosevelt Postage Stamp Quilt"  
March 19 -- A Quilting Brunch & Turning featuring Pam Pampe  
April 9 -- Stash Blast: A Fabric Flea Market

#### Quilt Show in Lynchburg this Month

March 19 & 20, 2016 at Holy Cross Regional Catholic School. See [patchesandpieces.org](http://patchesandpieces.org)



### Can You Help?

The Ways and Means committee is again in need of donations of fabric, patterns, quilt magazines, and books about quilting or sewing. These items are sold to raise money to buy supplies to support Guild programs, including comfort quilts, workshops, and presentations.

Thank you! *Vickie Kuhlman*



### Looking for Gracie's Garden Sampler

I started work on this quilt before leaving Brazil, and somewhere during the move, I lost some of the templates and the instructions. I'd really like to finish what I've started. Does anyone have a copy I could borrow? Thanks, *Gisella O'Connor*

### A Yard Sale This Saturday

Household items, quilts, antiques, jewelry, clothing, crafts, books, and more are scheduled to be on sale this Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Community Room at Cave Spring United Methodist Church, 5505 Hazel Drive (left from Brambleton onto Colonial Avenue, then 2nd left onto Hazel). Proceeds will go to "Back on the Path," a job-loss support group, and to help the unemployed. ~ *Kathy Wickham*

### Learning to Paper-Piece

When we started paper-piecing "crazy quilt" blocks, I found an online video a lot of help. It is called "Quilty: Paper-Piecing Basics, Part 1: Quilting How-To," and is 9 minutes of slow, careful explanation (just what I needed!). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNzg78tsF7g>

I will add one thing, Laura's Rule for Paper Piecing: If you are not sure you are doing it right, or that the piece of fabric you are joining will fit, baste it first. If it's okay, sew down the paper line again in tiny stitches. ~ *Laura Perry*

### So Much Fun!

You can see Susan Kraterfield's quilts up close -- from the comfort of your home (or the public library, if you don't have a computer at home) at [kraterfieldquilts.wordpress.com](http://kraterfieldquilts.wordpress.com).

You'll feel as if you've met Susan's daughter, too, after reading her blog about her adventures in sewing at [stitchesintime.wordpress.com](http://stitchesintime.wordpress.com). Take a look -- it's lots of fun!

And if you'd like to have a blog, [wordpress.com](http://wordpress.com) seems like a good place.

### Exciting News from Dawn!

I've just purchased a Statler-Gammill longarm and will be offering longarm quilting services under the name of Bailiwick Quilting Studio. I will open for business around April 1st. I'll be offering edge-to-edge at first and will grow into custom work. You can contact me at [bailiwickquilting@gmail.com](mailto:bailiwickquilting@gmail.com) or 540-354-8464 for further information. ~ *Dawn Schaben*



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### A Pressing Need

by Tam's Tips

Forget the spray starch or sizing that adds stiffness and flakiness to your quilting fabrics and garments. Here's a home remedy for eliminating wrinkles with the best pressing results!

2 cups water (16 ounces)

1/4 cup vodka (cheap vodka is fine, but avoid flavored or colored vodka)

Optional: a few drops scented oil (lavender, lemon, etc.) if you want

A spray bottle

Pour the ingredients into the spray bottle, shake it, and spray on fabric. Press with a dry iron. Any aroma will soon dissipate, and creases and wrinkles will disappear.

## *Celebrating March*



Hand-applied VOTE block ~ Irish Chain quilt (in green, of course!) ~ Spring Kites  
from [whimsandfancies.com](http://whimsandfancies.com) ~ Rabbit from [loappliq.com](http://loappliq.com)



## Member Information (new or renewing)

May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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(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:

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|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality      | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity    | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show |

or help in this way \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person during Star Quilters Guild Meetings:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please return this Member Information form and your money (\$20 - check preferred) to the membership desk at the regular meeting.*