



January 2019 Newsletter
Star Quilters Guild of the Roanoke, Virginia, area
<http://starquilters.org/>

Our January Program: The Creative Process - as Experienced by Bonnie Scott

at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke
on Monday, January 14, at 7 PM

Bonnie Scott, Star Quilt Guild Member, self-taught modern quilt enthusiast, and flame-work glass bead maker for over 14 years, lives by the motto of Ben and Jerry's ice cream: "If it's not FUN, why do it?" She will happily share how she recently landed in Virginia with a mobile glass studio that she dreamed up and helped to develop.

She will share the discovery of how fun leads to creativity in her glass work, in her quilting, and in her drawing - and how they all relate to each other (sometimes!). She will bring a video that shows her making a glass bead in real time and will bring a few samples and tools to explain the glass process. She makes individual beads, finished one-of-a-kind jewelry, and accessory pieces, as well as glass buttons and glass spool jewelry. She will bring a few things for sale as well as a couple of door prizes. Her recent exploration is the use of recycled antique mason canning jars as glass material to melt into beads and create unique and memorable jewelry. www.JoyfulAdornments.com

Bonnie is hoping you will leave with a light heart from hearing about a life lived in the Creative Accident Lane. And maybe a DOOR PRIZE!

One-Block Wonder Class

Saturday, January 19, 2019 (snow date: 1/26)
and Saturday, February 9, 2019 (snow date: 2/16)
9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Cave Spring Methodist Church

Loretta Twiford will be teaching this class. The cost for guild members is \$25.00. The class is limited to the first 20 registrations. The class includes two meetings: January 19 for the basics, cutting and sewing of blocks, and February 9 for designing and sewing the quilt.

~ Dawn Schaben 540-354-8464 or dschaben@aol.com

Editor's note: I cannot put the registration form, which had additional information, in this newsletter because it is in pdf form, but everyone with an email address received one in December, and copies will be available at the January meeting.



OUR 2019 QUILT SHOW

The Quilt Show committee met on Tuesday, December 18th, with 15 members present. Treasurer Sue Berry gave us a report on income and expenses for the show so far, and everything is on target.

Publicity was our next order of business. The Berglund Center already has our show listed on their website. Postcards are available and will be handed

out at the January guild meeting. Everyone should be adding the show on their Facebook page. We also discussed having "yard signs" made up to help advertise the show. They will be discussed further at the January committee meeting.

Watch for the volunteer sign-up sheet at the January guild meeting. Please consider where you can best help out at the show. We spoke briefly about badges or ribbons for the volunteers to wear for easy ID. We'll have more on that later.

Tickets for the Log Cabin Star Raffle quilt will be available for members to purchase and also for sale outside the guild.

We were shown a draft of the signage and made suggestions about how to best display the information on each quilt.

Are you working on your Inspired Monochromatic Challenge quilt? Neva Hart has accepted our invitation to judge our Challenge Quilts. Remember they are judged at the March guild meeting, then displayed at the show.

The award ribbons, security, door prizes, vendors and sponsorship are progressing as planned. A special note about the award ribbons: we will have special extra ribbons for quilts best displaying certain characteristics such as "Best use of Color" or "Best Hand Quilting."

Registration is open now! Please submit a picture of your quilt with your registration. Forms are available online. Don't wait until the last minute to register your quilts.

Registration for Bed Turning quilts and Round Robin quilts should be filled out also. Please give Bed Turning forms to Cathy Fandel and Round Robin forms to Kathy Wickham.

Please join us at our next committee meeting on January 15th at 6:30 pm at Roanoke Church of Christ.

~ Kathy Wickham roycekathy82@gmail.com

QUILTS DELIVERED TO VETERANS

Kyoko Yamamura posted to our facebook page this photo of Guild members who delivered nineteen patriotic-themed



quilts to veterans at the Veterans Administration Care Center in Salem on December 7.

GEMSTONE QUILTS

Julia Graves of Leesburg (in Loudoun County, in northern Virginia) is teaching patterns by MJ Kinman, textile artist. (See www.mjkinman.com.) You may have read about MJ in the January 2019 issue of *McCall's Quilting*.

Julia writes that the gems "look complex, but are actually quite doable to complete in a 1-day class with her forgiving patterns. Note that these are NOT paper-pieced - MJ uses freezer paper templates, which are included with the pattern and reusable. There are so many uses for birthstones - baby quilt, bride and groom wedding quilt, bridesmaid tote bags, Mother's quilts, Block of the Month..."

Talk to our Program Chair, Dawn Schaben, if you'd like our Guild to sponsor a workshop taught by Julia. Or maybe you could travel to Leesburg. See more details at <http://soquilts.com/piecing-classes/> and <http://soquilts.com/class-and-lecture-rates/>.



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Their telephone numbers and email addresses are in the Membership Directory.

Guild Income and Expenses May 1 - December 31, 2018

Income: \$4,974.76

Expenses: \$5,302.14

Cash-on-hand: \$10,732.23

~ Sue Berry, Treasurer

NEWS FROM BARGAIN BARN FABRICS

1-12-19 Disappearing Pinwheel Quilt Class, 10:30-3:00

Bring your machine, lunch, 40 (forty) 10"x10" cotton print squares. Class Fee \$45.00

1-26-19 Tea Time Quilt Class, 10:30-3:00. Bring your machine, lunch, one layer cake of prints, and 1½ yard background fabric. Class Fee \$45.00

January SALE - 20 % off Quilting and Flannel Fabrics. Buy 4 fat quarters and get one free!

NEW Services this year: Monogramming and Embroidery, Simple Long-arm Quilting.

We have drapery fabric with a 27-inch repeat if you are planning to take the One Block Wonder workshop. You may want to stop by and take a look!

Marietta Price and Tiara Clark

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Hours: Tuesday through Friday 10 - 5, Saturday 10 - 3. Closed Sunday and Monday

What's Ahead at our Monday Meetings

February 4 - Nancy Oldham will be presenting her collection of antique quilts and sharing their stories.

March 4 - Judging of challenge quilts. Plus, a discussion of UFOs [Unfinished Objects] - keep them, give them away, sell them, finish them? What are the options and what do you want to do?

April 1 - "The Fiona Quilt Block" by Carolyn Goins. Carolyn will present a trunk show on her most recent book, *The Fiona Quilt Block*. She will bring the book as well as other quilt patterns for purchase.

May 6 - Spring Social

~Dawn Schaben, Program Chair

"AURA" WORKSHOP WITH PHYLLIS REEVES



Some spaces are still available for the workshop with Phyllis Reeves. It will be held on April 27 at Cave Spring United Methodist Church from 9:00 to 3:00.

The class is limited to 20 participants, so if you are interested, see Dawn Schaben to sign up soon.

Phyllis will teach her design called "Aura." She writes, "Aura is a beautiful quilt that uses both V-blocks and Shoofly blocks. Everyone has scraps of fabric at home that they have collected from past projects. Maybe it is a collection of fat quarters or layer cakes that they want to use to create the "scrappy" look. No matter how the scraps have been collected, this is a fun quilt to do, and you can make it in any size from a baby to a king -- just keep cutting scraps. You can choose to make 6", 9", or 12" blocks depending on how big you want the finished quilt top."

See <http://www.thevalleyquilter.com/> for more about Phyllis.

QUILT EXPO IN BALTIMORE IN MARCH

The Baltimore Heritage Quilters' Guild will present Quilt Expo 2019 on March 23 & 24 at The Park School Athletic Center, 2425 Old Court Road, in Pikesville, Maryland. Featured quilters will be Amy Krasnansky (contemporary quilts) and Kathryn Fader (traditional quilts).

For information about Quilt Expo 2019, or to buy tickets in advance at a discount, see <http://www.baltimorequilters.com/expo-2019/>

See their raffle quilt, "Diamond Wedding Ring," here: <http://www.baltimorequilters.com/raffle-quilt-2019/>

Minutes of the Star Quilters Guild Monthly Meeting on December 3, 2018

Our December meeting program was our Holiday Pot Luck Social. Our Hospitality Committee provided beautiful table decorations, and our members provided delicious dishes. President Judy McWhorter invited attendees to the overflowing food tables at 6:10. We enjoyed the company and the food. Hospitality presented each of us a clever favor, a no-calorie cupcake whose main ingredient was a seasonal fat quarter.

Business Meeting

Membership: Chair Jennifer Adams will be available after the meeting to photograph new members for the directory. Attendance at the meeting was 62 members and 2 guests.

Quilt Show: Post cards advertising the 2019 show and quilt registration forms were available at the meeting. We will have a Round Robin exhibit at the show.

Raffle Quilt: Our Raffle Quilt is complete. Those who worked on it will gather for a photo after the meeting.

Programs: Forms for the Phyllis Reeve Workshop in April were handed out.

Hospitality: Chair Gisela O'Connor announced the December birthdays and led participating members in the Holiday Gift Exchange.

Closing

Following Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Per bylaws, our next meeting will be January 14, the second Monday, due to the New Year's Day holiday.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Hightower

Here's a Good New Year's Resolution: Donate Items to the Quilt Show Gift Baskets and Clear Out Your Sewing Room at the Same Time!

The Quilt Guild Committee is still in need of more donations for our four baskets that will be raffled at the 2019 quilt show. The themes for the 4 baskets are Patriotic, Batik, Modern, and Monochromatic Blue -which means we need a wide variety of items! While you are busy tidying your sewing area to get ready for 2019, see if there is something you can donate.

Fat quarters, charm packs, or any of the precut fabrics are very desirable, as well as tools, patterns, and quilt books. Is there a ruler or quilting tool that you have never used? (Most of us have 'em!) Here's your chance to donate it to someone who will be delighted to have it.

Many thanks to those who have already donated items. All of your donations are greatly appreciated and will help to make the finished baskets very special. And who knows? **You** just might win one at the show!

~ Cathy Fandel cathy@blueridgequilting.com



to Guild members born in January

2 Dawn Schaben

7 Kyoko Yamamura

8 Jo Bell

8 Janet Chappel

10 Mary Ann Maurelli

11 Laura Perry

16 David Yeager

18 Sallie Powers

20 Judy Bradley

27 Nancy Oldham

27 Sheila Phipps

Busy Hands



Now's the time to start new projects or finish up leftover projects. Join a few of the members working on handwork projects. We meet at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Tanglewood Mall, on the 3rd Monday of month, January 21st, at 6:30.

Any questions, text Ann Ware.

Comfort Quilt Workshop on Friday, January 18th

We are having a Comfort Quilt Workshop on Friday, January 18th from 10 am until 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall at OLN Church at 2505 Electric Road (419). Kits - including the batting - will be provided. You will need to bring sewing machines, the usual tools, and a sack lunch.

~ Judy Bradley





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Join us at the January Quilt Show Planning Meeting

There will be a meeting Tuesday, January 15th, at 6:30 pm of the 2019 Quilt Show Committee at the Roanoke Church of Christ, 2606 Brandon Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA. Each committee will report on progress toward showtime and any assistance needed. As always, publicity will be an important topic for discussion.

Remember, every member of the Star Quilters Guild is welcome to attend any or all meetings. Please be aware of weather conditions that may necessitate the cancellation of this meeting. Please check your email before heading out if weather conditions are a concern.

~ Judy Coffman, Quilt Show Chair

WHY DO QUILTS COST SO MUCH?

People shopping for quilts often have no idea of the time and money involved in making them. Various versions of this chart appear online, some calculating the cost of your labor at \$10 an hour, a minimum wage, and others figuring that \$25 is more reasonable for the work of a skilled and experienced quiltmaker. This one calculates labor at \$15 an hour. It does not factor in the cost of the sewing machine or utilities.

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing
for a 65" x 65" Simple Throw Quilt

Material Costs:

Fabric for top patchwork: 6 yards @ \$11/yard = \$66

Fabric for backing: 5 yards @ \$13/yard = \$65

Batting: 2 yards @ \$11/yard = \$22

Fabric for binding: 5/8 yards @ \$11/yard = \$6.50

Thread = \$8

Material cost for maker: \$167.50

Construction/Labor @ \$15/hr Labor Rate

Patchwork for top - 50 hours x \$15 = \$750

Basting - 3 hours x \$15 = \$45

Domestic Quilting - charged by square inch basic all-over design

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Make Binding - 2 hours x \$15 = \$30

Attach Binding - 10 hours x \$15 = \$150

Thread for Quilting - \$15

Labor at unskilled* rate - \$1053.38

*skilled craftspeople - \$20/hr and up.

Total cost of quilt: \$1220.88

*** This does NOT include educational costs,
machine maintenance costs, or utilities.***

NOTE: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, or a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.

Tutto Sewing Machine Case for Sale

Tutto Monster Machine on Wheels Case for sale; 28 inches wide by 18 inches tall and 14 inches deep; sturdy frame with both top and side openings for easy access; numerous pockets; large wheels that pivot - in good condition - seldom used. \$100.

~ Sue Berry 540-204-1994



side view



top view

Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

- (1) Items to contribute for the gift basket prizes at the Quilt Show.
- (2) Your name tag. There are a lot of us, and it takes time to learn all those names!
- (3) A friend who is interested in quilting -- or would like to know why you like to quilt.
- (4) Items you'd like to Show and Tell.
- (5) Comfort Quilts you've finished making and want to turn in.
- (6) Books you're ready to return to our library.
- (7) Money or a check to buy raffle tickets. They cost \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Get a packet of 24 for only \$20. The drawing will be held at the Quilt Show.
- (8) Filled-out registration forms (including photos) of quilted items you want to register for our Quilt Show in March.

JOYS OF RETIREMENT

A year ago, quilter Ami Simms closed her business, wrapped up her online store, quit sending out a newsletter, and stopped teaching. She reports that she is having a great time in retirement. Certainly her sense of humor is flourishing, as you can see in this photo of a Christmas ornament she made this year.

