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## January Program Preview

### SATURDAY DAY CHAPTER 1//0315

- ◆ In January the program will be on making your own unique name tag holder

### MONDAY DAY CHAPTER 1/12/2015

- ◆ How to make T-Shirt Quilts. **Paula Harr**
- ◆ Holiday Party: Bring food. See p. 6 for more info

**New Meeting Place: Virginia Heights Baptist Church, 1251 Kempsville Road, Norfolk**

### MONDAY EVENING CHAPTER 1/12/2015

- Quilt Appraiser: Steve Albright **1930s "Trunk Show"**

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## President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We have so much to look forward to in the New Year.

A new location for the Morning meeting. Virginia Heights Baptist Church is looking forward to having us. Nice room and lots of parking. See you there on the 12th.

Lola McCracken will present a lecture on Molas in the New Year. I have several so am looking forward to learning more about this art form.

The Quilt show in Hampton will have a display of TQG quilts and will also have our Raffle quilt on display.

Hope to see you all on the 12th.

Happy New Year

–Betty Werbiskis

Date (2015)	Meeting	Place
Sat Jan 6th- First SAT. Chesapeake	Sat Chapter (First Sat)	A Place For Girls 912 Cedar Rd, Chesapeake
Mon Jan 12th- 2nd MON. Va Beach	Day Chapter Social: 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m.	<b>Virginia Heights Baptist; 1251 Kempsville Rd, Norfolk</b>
Mon Jan 12th-2nd MON. Norfolk	Evening Chapter Social: 6:30 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Community United Methodist , 1072 Kempsville Rd. Va Beach

## Program Preview: From Ann Wall

**Nothing new to report but I am working on a couple programs for 2015. Hope to have them finalized for you next month.**

**FEBRUARY 2015.** **Lola McCracken** will be sharing her knowledge of Molas with us and will bring her collection that she has brought back from Panama where she has a residence. Molas are handcrafted, decorative reverse appliques made by the Kuna Indigenous peoples in the San Blas Islands of Panama. Molas appear in museums around the world, including the Smithsonian. American Quilter magazine published an article Lola wrote in their Fall 2007 issue of AQS. Lola will also bring the wall hanging she created using Molas. Members will have an opportunity to make a reverse applique design. **Bring with you embroidery scissors, thread and needles if you want to try your hand at a simple reverse applique.** Some of the "Nimble Thimbles" Bee members will be teaching a mini-class.

**MARCH 2015.** **Suzi Parron** who has published two books on barn quilts will present slide shows of barns and the stories behind the quilts. I have been following her on Facebook and they are gorgeous.

Suzi's Website: <http://www.barnquiltinfo.com>

**OCTOBER 2015.** **Jane Hall** was scheduled to come to our guild several years ago but had to cancel due to her husband's illness. We have, at last, rescheduled her visit. She will conduct a workshop called **Pineapples Plus** on October 17. Registration will be open in August 2015. Night chapter lecture: Painless Pieced Borders. Day Chapter lecture: Firm Foundations Updated. Her web site is <http://www.janehallquilts.com/index.php>

## Membership Update - Jackie Brown, Membership Chairperson

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Active members - 324



Are you not receiving your newsletter via email? Have you made sure we have the right email address on file for you? Have you checked to make sure it is not in your junk/spam folder? We might have a solution for you.

- We have added a letter on website that Constant Contact sent me for you to email to your service provider. The letter provides your service provider information they need so that the newsletter will not be blocked. We had to do this years ago with some Verizon.net customers.
- The letter is in the Members section along with the current newsletter.
- A reminder - the password for the Members section is stamped on the back of your membership card.

To add to your roster...  
New members and renewals

2694	Dietrich	Betty	betty.dietrich@gmail.com	4157 Rainbow Drive	Va Bch	VA	23456	(757) 621-4213
2419	Donnelly	Carol	cadonnel@msn.com	805 Iverness Court	Chesapeake	VA	23322	(757) 549-8290
2756	Folkes	Marcia	marcia_folkes@verizon.net	1439 Scoonie Pointe Drive	Chesapeake	VA	23322	(757) 389-5605
2757	Lepley	Maggie	maggielepley@gmail.com	629 Tyson Road	Va Bch	VA	23462	(814) 470-0257
2699	Marcelo	Erin	erin.dietrich@gmail.com	1533 Jackson Avenue	Chesapeake	VA	23324	(757) 613-5569
2613	Starling	Renee	renee.starling@gmail.com	1062 Still Harbor Circle	Chesapeake	VA	23320	(757) 575-6471

New email

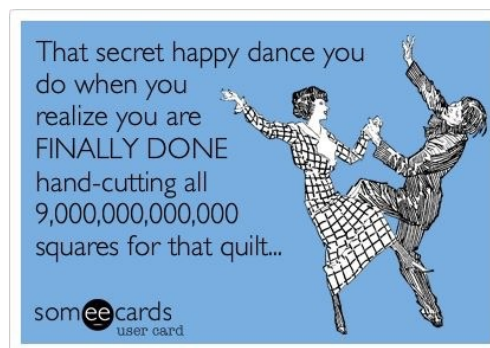
2659	Aguiar	Amy	amyaguiar@gmail.com	2579 Desert Road	Suffolk	VA	23434	(757) 560-3538
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New last name - was Nasholts (Congratulations)

2689	Summerlin	Leia	gorgeousmissthang@gmail.com	3276 Skipper Drive	Va Bch	VA	23452	(757) 537-1615
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Happy Quilting,  
Jackie



## Saturday Chapter Minutes, December 6, 2014

Linda Yeager, TQG Sat. Chapter Secretary

27 members, 4 guests

The Saturday Chapter was called to order by Pam Traynham:

- **Dominique Bell** spoke about her project serving homeless youths "For Kids VA". which provides a new, colorful pillowcase to children entering the shelter. Set aside some time on **March 7, 2015** to assist in this project. There will be two sessions at 10am and again at 12:30 during our March meeting. For information about joining the project or to donate materials, please contact her via email at [projectpillowcaseforyouth@gmail.com](mailto:projectpillowcaseforyouth@gmail.com).
- **Ann Walls** shared that extra membership cards are available for \$.50.
- **Elaine Page** told of the latest **QOV quilt** given to an Australian Wing Commander.
- Pam gave us advance notice that there will be **several openings for new committee members** in the Saturday chapter next year. She stated that descriptions of the various positions and their attendant responsibilities are to be found in the old printed rosters and online. Volunteers for the positions should contact her; voting will take place in May, and the member will start their duties in June 2015. Gifts of appreciation for the current members were handed out to those members present.
- December's program was given by **Bev Toole** on applying a **double-sided binding**. Kits were available and she walked us through the assembly. She had several examples of the technique that she has applied to both quilts and garments.

**In January the program will be on making your own unique name tag holder.**

**February, Davis Main** will show us how to make a disappearing 9-patch star block.

**March's program** will be a community service session with **Dominique Bell**.

- Our program concluded with a potluck (many delicious offerings), a pollyana (with many take backs!), and a Show and Tell that never fails to inspire us to keep up our hard work.
- 1) **Any help from our Saturday guild members in setting up and taking down the meeting area would be appreciated.** If you could arrive around 9am to help with putting the tables and chairs in place, you would be a godsend. This would allow you to pick your personal sewing space! When you leave, please stack your chairs.
  - 2) We are still looking for a **new meeting place**. Requirements are: location in the southern Chesapeake area, available the first Saturday of every month, have a kitchen facility, allow us to exchange money (raffle tickets and/or membership fees), easily hold 50 members with their machines (multiple electrical plugs—we have extension cords). Please contact anyone on the executive board.



From Pam Traynham  
**GIRL SCOUT PROJECT "SQUARES & BEARS"**  
 Sewing For Children Event



We had 17 sewing mentors, several parent volunteers and over 70 Girl Scouts at the Squares and Bears, Sewing for Children event. The scouts were divided into 2 sessions. Each mentor worked with 1-2 scouts at a time.

The younger scouts learned to use a sewing machine, to sew straight lines, to press and topstitch. The older scouts learned trace a pattern, to sew and clip curves and to stuff bears.

We made 300 squares and 22 Bears. One of the doctors from CHKD came to personally pick up the items. She also shared that each new mom is given 7 of the squares, one for each day. The special care units are able to care for 70 babies at a time. At any given time, 490 of these squares are in use and the hospital can go through a few thousand in a year. The 300 made in this session.

Thank you to all TQG members and friends who have donated their time and talents to our efforts. We don't often get to see the results of our donated time, but this project is already showing results. These girls are eager to learn. Looking at the big picture - The sessions fill up and there is always a waiting list to participate. As a direct result of this activity, there are plans being made

for a sewing group to carry on the learning throughout the year.

This was shared with me by one of our members. A scout who participated in the last event learned to sew the squares. Shortly after the event, her n eighbor gave birth prematurely. There were no squares available for this mom and baby. This scout knew exactly what to do. She made a set of squares herself using the information she learned at the event.

Children are pulled in many directions these days, but if we can teach them to sew they will have a skill to last a lifetime. We are indeed touching lives and influencing the next generation and the future members of our guild.



**DAY CHAPTER MINUTES 12/09/2014**

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 58 GUESTS: 0

## MEETING NOTES/ ANNOUNCEMENT

- Denise McCue opened the meeting at 10:00am

A reminder that you receive a free magazine during your birthday month!

- Treasurer's report: Balance \$595.73 total at this time.

- It was determined by vote that the money collected for the day's raffle would be given to Oceanview Senior Center. money donated was \$58.

- The day's shoe donations for the center was successful.

**- A gift of a Fat Quarter was given to each member present by Denise McCue. Thank you, Denise.**

- Our president Betts gave an explanation why we are no longer affiliated with Quilts of Valor but will continue the community service project as "Purple Hearts Quilts". Quilts of Valor was requiring a \$5 per member fee. Betts also read a letter of appreciation from a recipient of a quilt. The blocks handed out in September made 8 quilts. More blocks will be handed out in January.

**- Next month's day meeting will held on the second Monday at our new location, Virginia Heights Baptist Church. Social begins at 9:30am. Meeting begins at 10:00 am. There will be round tables to sit at and you can eat/ drink in the room. We will be having a holiday type party. Those whose last names end A-L bring a breakfast food. M-Z bring a dessert or fruit.**

- Karan Fisher spoke about the partnership between the guild and Luxford School to make a TShirt quilt. See last month's newsletter for details.

- Program: Jo Corso showed all present how to make hexagons from circles. All present had a chance to practice and embellish their hexies.

**- January's program will be T-Shirt quilts by Paula Harr.**

- Linus:Reminder- Collier Webb is not taking anymore fabric donations. Some kits were available to complete.

- It is coming! **Spring Fling will be May 9, 2015. Same place as 2014- Bethel Baptist church.** Mark it on your calendars. Volunteers are needed. Please call Karen or email her. 757-650-4641/ embroideryqueen@cox.net. Donations of Fat Quarters and Thread will be accepted by Lorrie Ames for the baskets. Want to teach? Speak to Karen. Teaching is a paid position.

- Show and tell was again delightful.

- Meeting ended at 11:45 am.

**PRIZE WINNERS:**

FQs: Alice Hinsch and Lily Neidig

Lucky Buck: Joyce Guster

Block of the Month: Geneva Gray

Door Prizes: Joyce Bailey, Pat John, Ann Hennett, Lynn Valos, Debbie Williams

Raffle Drawing: Margaret Aunchman, Mary Ellen Roemer, Alice Hinsch, Jo Corso, Ann Hennett,

Jackie Kordich, Margaret Aunchman. Jackie Kordich and Mary Hormel won the bracelets.



## Night Chapter Minutes— December 8, 2014

**Diane Bennett**, Night Chapter Coordinator, opened the meeting at 7:00, welcoming members and guests. We had 88 members present and no guests.

- Diane reminded us that Otis, our church custodian, is retiring and we are taking up a monetary collection to present him as a goodbye gift from the members.

Next, we had chair reports:

- Karan Fisher went over the project where we are partnering with Luxford Elementary School in Virginia Beach to make a T-Shirt quilt which will be hung at the school upon completion. Workshops will be conducted during the first quarter of 2015 with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students along with parents and school staff. Members are needed to participate in the workshops and should contact Karan if interested. This is a great opportunity for TQG to introduce the art of quilting to young people in our community. Donations of fabric in the colors of purple, yellow and lime green are also needed—minimum size is a fat quarter.
- Margo Bavry has been chairing fat quarters and due to low participation will be discontinued after this meeting.
- Karen Bastone, First Vice President, is chairing **Spring Fling 2015. The date is May 9, 2015—mark your calendars for this yearly event full of good food, great classes and an overall fun day for all.** Karen reminded us that she needs donations of fat quarters, magazines, books and machine embroidery supplies. And most important of all, members to volunteer to plan the event. Contact Karen to let her know where you can help.
- Sue Troyan talked about Purple Heart Quilts; guild members have completed eight quilts so far since she has taken on the project. More block kits will be available in January. She

also read a very moving letter of gratitude from the mother of an ill soldier in Maryland that received one of our quilts.

- Lisa Freeman, current Night Chapter Librarian, will not be able to continue next year therefore, a volunteer is needed to take over the library.
- Tammy Halstead announced the program in January will be a 1930's trunk show presented by Steve Albright.
- Constance Spotts, current Raffle Quilt Chair, announced \$2700 was made on tickets sold. Lyn McCandish sold the most tickets and Debi Harding sold the winning ticket. Our new Raffle Quilt Chair will be Carole Dull.

We broke at 7:15 to enjoy our Christmas potluck and work on several charity projects; **Linus Quilts, Operation Smile dolls, and preemie quilts by the Girl Scouts for the Neo Natal Unit at CHKD as well as Squares & Bears for all units at CHKD.** A great evening of fun and fellowship was had by all.

We resumed our meeting format at 8:15 with our popular Show & Tell, as well as lucky winners of **Block of the Month Darlene Mullis**, Lucky Buck winner Joyce Guster and **Embroidery Block of the Month winner Freida Doubts**. Monthly Fat Quarter winner was Pam Traynum and quarterly winner was Donna Wright. Lucky door prize winners were Margaret Simmons, Cindy Tatem, Marta Courtney, Diane Wicker, Collier Webb, Deb Aughenbaugh, Darlene Mullis, Bonnie Timm, Atha Wimmer and Naomi Butler.

Thank you to all the members that participated in Dec meeting sewing and cutting projects. Our "Holiday Treats" table was fabulous and a special thank you to every one that pitched into the hat for Otis. He was overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and generosity and asked me to relate to the membership his gratitude.

Also, several members has asked for a couple of recipes from the "treat" table. One was .....the dish for the "peas with eggs in it.....the other one is the bowl that had a scoop in it and it was a mixture of chocolate covered peanuts, Bugles, pretzels, chez mix, m&m's.... Soooooo goodddd.

## Purple Heart Quilts

—Sue Troyan

Recently, we received a letter from the mother of young Navy man who was given one of our Purple Heart quilts as he fought for his life in the ICU at LPMC in Germany last month. He had contracted a deadly strain of malaria while on duty "in Africa". His parents had rushed to his side as he was not expected to live.

As soon as they arrived, a nurse brought in a quilt made by Mary Lynn Slough and her sister, Nancy Wines. His dad used it for the next three days and nights at his son's bedside while the incredible staff worked tirelessly to save the young man's life, pulling him back from death's door. From Germany, he was sent to Walter Reed, and then home to the mid-west where he continues to recover.

His mother wanted us all to know how much they appreciated the quilt and the work we do to ease the stress and pain of the sick and wounded and their families, and to tell us how much they and their son treasure the quilt, not just for the memory of the comfort it gave during his crisis, but for all that it represented -- a tangible symbol of unconditional love. It is a lovely, thoughtful letter, the kind that is proof that what we do is worthwhile, and also a reminder that the men and women who put themselves between us and harm's way must contend not only with bombs and bullets,

but deadly diseases as well. We're grateful to and for them, and for the letter! You may have noticed the heading and reference to "Purple Heart Quilts". When we started making quilts for our wounded over 12 years ago, that's what we called the project. Later, when Quilts of Valor Foundation was formed, we aligned ourselves with Catherine Roberts' mission -- to provide quilts for the wounded of this war so that what happened to the Viet-Nam Vets never happens again. Since Catherine retired, there have been many changes in the way the Foundation operates. Recent changes now required of participants, which primarily have to do with mandatory funding, management of funds, and autonomy, have caused us to reconsider our alignment with the Foundation. We still consider it to be a worthy organization with an admirable mission, but believe we can continue our work on our own. To that end, we are reverting to our original name. Only the name has changed, not our mission to comfort the wounded of this war and, whenever possible, our veterans of earlier conflicts.

And just to let you know, all those little block kits you all have been taking home, making and returning are already being made into quilts! Seven, so far, and counting! They shortly will be added to six more waiting to be quilted. Currently, we have six already in the hands of our wonderful long arm quilters! Not bad, Ladies! We're not yet back up to our old average of 15 quilts a month, but we're on our way! Thank you for your continued support. You are doing your best work!

Karen Bastone needs donations of fat quarters, magazines, books and machine embroidery supplies. And most important of all, members to volunteer to plan the event. Contact Karen to let her know where you can help. 757-650-4641

**Spring Fling**  
**May 9, 2015**



### CLASSIFIED ADS

**NOT FORGOTTEN QOV**  
**“Quilts of Valor® Foundation Member Group”**  
**No membership or fees are required to sew with our group.**  
**All volunteers are welcome**  
**Our Sew Day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month**  
**@ Ocean View Senior Center**  
**600 E. Ocean View Ave, Norfolk, VA**  
**We award in Hampton Roads and we honor ALL**  
**service members and veterans touched by war**  
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**Facebook Group: Not Forgotten QOV**  
**Blog: wequilttogether.blogspot.com**  
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[www.stonehousequilters.org](http://www.stonehousequilters.org)

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**2014**

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