

JAN 2010

V A STAR QUILTERS

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT - MELISSA

Hi Everyone,

Well, the holidays are over, the decorations are packed...well, maybe not...anyway, a new year has begun, and it's full of quilting fun! At this month's meeting, we will have a "meet the quilters" as our program. Leslie Gagliardi and Anne Wilson will give the program. As a reminder, we follow the Spotsylvania County school schedule in case of snow, so turn on your radios if there is bad weather in the forecast!

I delivered our \$500 donations to the Hope House and Micah Ecumenical Ministries, and they were thrilled! Also, the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church was very happy to receive the food from our food drive. Sandy and her Senior quilt committee delivered 118 quilts and 30 walker bags to the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging. We were able to make a difference in many people's lives. Thank you!

We have a very busy next couple of months: in March, we are hosting the VCQ meeting here in Fredericksburg. Linda Walker is working very hard on this, and will need help pulling it all off. Please volunteer some of your time and effort to her. We also will have an open house for National Quilting Day on Saturday, March 20. We want to have a couple of make-it-and-take-it projects, demonstrations, and plenty of refreshments for ourselves and the public, so, again, volunteers will be needed.

Looking further ahead, we've decided to sponsor a tree for next year's Festival of Trees to benefit the Hope House. I'll be asking for a planning committee for this endeavor, and then we will have all year to make ornaments and a tree skirt for this.

In May, we will have elections for new Board members for the openings that will come up. There will be several positions that will need to be filled. We will get an election committee together to work on getting people interested in these positions. The annual meeting in May will also be the time when we can vote on any proposed changes to the bylaws. I will be proposing at the January meeting (giving plenty of time for thought and discussion, as well as making sure that all members are notified of the proposal) that the bylaws have an addition added under Article III, section A to state that officers are required to attend at least 75% of the meetings. In other words, if they miss 25% of the meetings within a year, they will automatically be off of the board. There are 12 guild meetings and 12 Board meetings per year, totaling 24 meetings. If 6 are missed, you are off of the board. We have had problems for the past several years of board members not being able to commit like they should, or events coming up that prohibit their participation in the guild. If we add this change, it will protect the guild from an individual's personal issues from affecting the guild. This will be written up so that it can be voted on at the time people will be committing to be officers of the guild.

Melissa, VSQ President

Meet the Quilter - January 2010 program

Do you ever wonder what other types of crafts and interests your fellow guild members participate in?

Our "Meet the Quilter" program will concentrate on two of our members, Leslie Gagliardi and Anne Wilson. Leslie and Anne will speak to us of the many interests they have – other than quilting. In addition to being good friends, they are known for taking classes for lots of different types of handwork. They will share with us these other interests they have that keep them busy! They are both very talented.

For Show & Tell, please participate by bringing something to show that YOU do that is different from quilting – we know there are a lot of versatile members out there!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Baby Quilts - 200 delivered in 2009!!!

The guild makes and delivers baby quilts to the NICU unit of Mary Washington Hospital. Last year they had 417 babies come thru their doors. We delivered 200 quilts..

Kits are available each meeting, all you have to do is volunteer to take one or two home and bring it back at the next meeting. You don't even have to complete the whole quilt. If you just like to piece the top you can do that. Someone else will gladly finish it for you.

We have a workshop at our February 17 meeting. I will be there starting at 2 pm to set up. I will have plenty of kits ready, hope to have stations set up for sewing the tops, pressing, sandwiching tops, sewing around these sandwiches, and even a tying station.

If we are to get anything done we need everyone's help.

Bring your machines and sewing kits. I am in need of embroidery floss for tying.

Thanks in advance for your support. Libby

Senior Quilts - 122 delivered in 2009!!!

The day after the meeting 7 of us met at Quilt & Sew to deliver the Senior Quilts. We went to the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging. Pat Holland met us there and we took pictures. We were able to deliver **122 senior quilts and 31 walker bags**. The agency was very pleased with our gifts.

I am very proud of us. We did a lot of hard work this year to get so many quilts turned in. I want to thank all my helpers, you know who you are! I want to thank anyone who donated time, or fabric, or quilts, batting, quilting. So many participated. I hope you know that what you have done has made someone happy. It's a nice feeling to be able to help others.

I will bring kits to the meetings. Please don't think you have to wait until November to start working on one. Why not get it started before the Holiday rush, like May or June?

We will start going to Quilt & Sew again in Feb. to work on kits for you. We enjoy our time together, and we get a lot done. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

Anytime you have questions, you should have my email address on the roster.

Sandy

Guild Contacts

Board Members

President – Melissa Felts

Vice-President: Elaine Murphy

Secretary: Katrina Burnett

Treasurer: Marty Moon

Webmistress: Elizabeth Berger

Hospitality: Marie Emerson & Tracy Magin

Workshops: Programs: Helen Hildebrand & Sheryl Giaccai

Newsletter: Karen Austin

Committee Members

Baby Quilts: Libby Hall

Senior Quilts: Sandy French

Retreat: Marie Emerson & Pat Burroughs

Sunshine: Sheryl Giaccai
"<mailto:Sheryl@giaccai.net>" for anyone who needs a card.

Email articles, recipes and tips for the newsletter to
"karensplaceontheweb@me.com"

Membership dues are \$20 for the year. The guild year runs from June through May. If you would like to join, please make checks payable to:

VSQ
PO Box 41103
Fredericksburg, VA 22402

April Retreat - April 16th - 19th

Are you ready for the retreat? Marie and Pat have planned busy planning and organizing. It's sure to be a lot of fun.

It will be at a new place this year - Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center located in Blackstone, VA

Cost: \$195.00

Includes: Meals and room. There is also a gym available and, of course, room for sewing all day and all night if you choose.

We have 22 ladies going and there is room for more if anyone is interested - please contact Marie or Pat.

There are quilt shops to visit along the way. More details to follow..



Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center

UFO Challenge - 2009 & 2010

YOUR UFO NO. 2 WILL BE DUE AT THE JANUARY MEETING. THE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE GRAND PRIZE AS WELL. (In order to verify that my notes are accurate as far as what was completed, PLEASE email me at alibra102@comcast.net if you know you have finished ALL 6 of your UFOs. I just want to make sure I saw all of them and marked them off accordingly.)

On another note, many members wanted to participate in another UFO Challenge in 2010. Soooooo, we will be doing it again! I heard lots of remarks from those who signed up that were glad they had as they got some very long overdue projects done just because of signing up!

HOWEVER, we'll do it a little different this time. To sign up to participate, you must contribute TWO (2) fat quarters. Noncompletion of your UFO in the allotted time will mean you have to pay ONE FAT QUARTER for your fine (no money this time). This is going to be the grand prize, so please have these fat quarters be nice fabric - don't contribute something you wouldn't want to receive.

The UFO Challenge Rules are as follows:

Make a list of SIX UFO's you DESPERATELY want to finish in 2010.

NUMBER them 1-6. Be specific! Keep a copy for yourself and provide ME with a copy of that list with your name and items listed, clearly numbered 1 through 6. Provide your list at the meeting on January 20, 2010, along with your 2 fat quarters.

At the upcoming January meeting, and every TWO months thereafter, I will draw a number at the meeting. For example, if the number FOUR is drawn, you will work on YOUR NUMBER 4 for TWO MONTHS until the next drawing.

Every 2 months you should show your UFO at the meeting during Show & Tell. If you do NOT finish your UFO in 2 months, your fine will be ONE FAT QUARTER. All fat quarters accumulated during the year will constitute the grand prize. (NOTE: You can still finish that UFO toward the total for the year even if you paid the fine.)

At the January meeting in 2011, everyone who has finished ALL 6 of their UFO's from 2010, will have their names put in for the drawing for the basket of fat quarters.

Numbers will be drawn at the following meetings, and will be posted in the newsletter as well: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

A note from our
November 2009
speaker

Debby Kratovil

Happy New Year and best wishes for creating - and finishing - many beautiful and wonderful quilts in 2010. To help you with that, I've uploaded a new quilt pattern on my website. It is called "Chantal" and is very quick and easy to make. 7.5" blocks, set on point, make for a 57" x 57" finished quilt. My quilting goal this year is to add FREE quilt patterns and lessons on my web site as a VERY BIG THANK YOU for the support the quilting community gives to me. It's always a pleasure to share my quilts and teach workshops both locally and nationally. My quilts enjoy getting out of the closets and they tell me so often!

You can find the link to the free pattern by going to my web site and then looking on the left side for "Free Chantal Pattern". Also, if you have a copy of my Quilter's Block a Day calendar (published by Martingale) - either the desktop or CD version, there is ANOTHER free pattern from a January block. You can read about that also on the front page of my site.

Have a happy and healthy New Year filled with friends, quilts and good times,
Debby

Debby (with a "y" and not "ie") Kratovil
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2010 UPCOMING PROGRAMS and EVENTS

January 20

Meet The Quilters:
Leslie Gagliardi and Anne Wilson
"What Other Talents Do You Have?"

(For Show & Tell, please bring something other than quilting that YOU do! It should be fun to see how versatile we all are!)

6th & FINAL UFO Challenge Due

February 17

Baby Quilt Workshop

March 17

GUEST SPEAKER:
Liz from Quilt & Sew – She will demo the Accu-quilt Fabric Cutter – it's a fast and easy way to cut out shapes for making your quilts.

March 20 – SPECIAL PROGRAM

Celebrate National Quilting Day at the Harrison Road Community Center for an all-day sew. Details later.

April 21

GUEST SPEAKER: Ann Littleton
Lecture: "Applique Your Way"

May 3 – SPECIAL PROGRAM

Harrison Road Community Center from 6 PM to 9 PM

Pat Knoechel from Quilt-in-A-Day will display quilts and demonstrate blocks that can be made using the Quilt-in-a-Day rulers. Pat is Eleanor Burns' sister. The Special date is necessary because of her schedule. She lives on the West Coast but will be in Richmond the weekend of May 1-2.

May 19

Pot Luck/Spring Dinner
Installation of Officers

INCOME	Budget 2009-2010	Totals	Y-T-D
Dues	1,500.00	1,340.00	-160
Investment Income/Interest	25	19.88	-5.12
Mugs, Pins, etc.	25		
Newsletter Ads	20		
Raffle Quilt	500	1518	1018
Retreat	2,070	2030	-40
Workshops	1,200		
Show Insurance	100	20	-80
Miscellaneous	5		
UFO	60		
Silent Auction	139.5	545.5	406
Transfer from Reserves	500		
TOTAL INCOME	7,575	5,473.38	
EXPENSES			
Baby Quilts	150	45.01	104.99
Senior Quilts	150	187.22	37.22
Community Center Rent	500	360	140
Christmas Party	25		
UFO	60		
Newsletter & Website	150	79.9	70.1
NQA Dues	20	20	0
P. O. Box Rent	72	72	0
Programs	1,300	926.5	373.5
Workshops	1,200	90	1110
Raffle Quilt	125		
President's Quilt	37.5		
Retreat	3,500	222	3278
Installation of Officers	10		
Scholarship Donation	100	100	0
Quilt Show Insurance	175	225.51	50.51
(Hospitality - Other)		31.49	
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,575	2,359.63	
Reserve Balance	3,945.80		
Additional Expenditures:			
Donations		1,000.00	
For Deposit Only Stamp		24.95	
Grand Total Expenditures		3,384.58	

January Birthdays

January 1

Judy Mazzarella

January 4

DeDe Newman

January 10

Karen Elmore

JANUARY SNACKS

Theme = Winter
Wonderland



Sweets: Linda Walker, Karen Austin and Katrina Burnett

Healthier snacks: Elaine Murphy and Libby Hall

Drinks: Tracy Magin

Plates(small): Sandy French

ROMANCING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SHOP HOP

You are invited to our FIFTH annual - "**Romancing Eastern North Carolina Shop Hop**" which takes place Feb. 3 through 6, 2010. This year there are seven participating shops (Washington, New Bern, Morehead City, and Jacksonville) all offering specials and daily drawings. The grand prize is \$75 gift certificates from each shop (total \$525). Our very special shop hop quilt has been designed by Two Kwik Quilters. Passports for the hop cost \$5 and all hoppers receive a Quilt in a Day project bag.

For a complete list of shops, see our website: www.cottonfieldsnc.com or give us a call at 252-948-0372.

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VIRGINIA STAR QUILT GUILD MINUTES of the MEETING of December 2, 2009

Meeting was opened at 4:40 p.m. to set up for our pot luck dinner. The meeting began at 6:03 pm at the Harrison Road Community Center

Program: Tonight was ***1) our annual Christmas Pot Luck dinner and gift exchange. The exchange was only for those interested in participating. The gift was to be a wall hanging, table runner or placemats. A number of members participated and got some beautiful additions to their homes. ****2) We also voted by secret ballot where to donate the \$1,000.00. There were a total of nine charities; Fredericksburg Area Food Bank; Fredericksburg Regional SPCA; Hope House; Mental Health America of Fredericksburg; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence; Rappahannock Area Community Service Board/Teen Parenting Program; Salvation Army; Thurman Brisben Center. The top to winners, with very close votes were: Hope House and Micah Ecumenical Ministries. Melissa Felts will deliver the checks. ***3) Food Drive: anyone who brought food it was collected and donated to the United Methodist Church.

Treasurer's Report: Marti Moon was not in attendance tonight so there was no Treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report: Katrina Burnett. November minutes will be voted on at the January, 2010 Guild meeting.

Hospitality: Marie Emerson and Tracy Magin. January sign up sheet was available tonight.

Programs: Helen Hildebrand and Sheryl Giaccai. January meeting is Meet the Quilters: Leslie Gagliardi and Anne Wilson.

Senior Quilts: Sandy French. Over 100 senior quilts were collected throughout the year. They will be delivered to the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging on December 3, 2009. They are also in desperate need of food.

Spring Retreat: Marie Emerson. Dates: April 16-19, 2010 at Blackstone. Please give any money you owe to Pat Burroughs tonight.

Snow Policy: We follow Fredericksburg City. If schools are cancelled or evening classes are cancelled then the center is closed.

Show and Tell: We also enjoyed any beautiful quilts made by our own guild members. We got so much accomplished in 2009....we should shoot for the stars in 2010.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Virginia Star Quilt Guild Board Meeting December 2, 2009

Attended: Melissa Felts, Marie Emerson, Helen Hildebrand, Karen Austin, Pat Burroughs, Elaine Murphy, Mercy Sais, Libby Hall, Tracy Magin, Sheryl Giaccai, & Katrina Burnett.
(This meeting was held right before our Christmas Pot Luck at the Harrison Road Community Center).

Melissa Felts:

*The decision where the \$1,000.00 donation will go will be voted on tonight with a paper ballot. Everyone will vote for only one organization. Pat Burroughs has the ballots.

*In February or March, 2010 Melissa wants to bring a motion to the group regarding how many meetings a board member can miss and have this included in our Bylaws. Her suggestion will be: If a Board member misses 25% of the meetings they are required to attend then they will no longer be a member of the board. Board members are required to attend each board meeting (one per month, 12 per year) and guild meetings (one per month, 12 per year). Total of 24 meetings per year x 25% = 6 meetings. Sheryl wondered what the Bylaws say now. This will be looked into.

*Marti will start providing an itemized Treasurers Report. She will have the first one in January. There will be running balances each month so we can see how much has been spent and what amount is left to spend.

*The Food Drive will be given to the United Methodist Church as a way to say thank you for letting us use their facility in March for the VCQ meeting. The food will be brought in tonight at our pot luck dinner.

Marie Emerson: she will be meeting with Marti Moon to find out exactly how many members are going on the retreat and who still needs to pay. There is some confusion as to who owes what. A discussion of giving receipts for all money received by the Guild whether by cash or check.

Pat Burroughs: she will collect money tonight for Marti. Marti asked that the money be held for her to deposit in January, 2010.

Sandy French: the members of the guild who have been meeting at Quilt and Sew to make Senior Quilts will deliver the quilts to Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging tomorrow, Dec 3rd. As of the Board meeting Sandy has 99 quilts in hand. She is hoping it will be over 100.

Karen Austin: information for the newsletter needs to be received by her by the January 5th, 2010 Board meeting.

Helen Hildebrand: She would like to have some Make and Takes at the National Quilt Day in March. Anyone interested please see her.

Meeting adjourned 5:34 pm.

You Know you are a Quilter If.....

There's more Fabric in the House than Food
"Fat Quarters" are not the heaviest part of your body
Your ironing board is always set up but you never iron clothes
You think of your job as an interruption of your quilting time
You pet Fabric
People are always picking threads off you
You can measure a scant 1/4 by eye
"Featherweight" Doesn't mean Boxer
Your "UFO's" are not from outer space
You clean up your sewing room & they think you are leaving

Submitted by Pat Patterson