

The Stone House Quilter

News of the



**Stone House Quilters Guild
Manassas, Virginia**

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BITS and PIECES FROM the PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone,

Wow! What a wonderful time we had at the quilt show. Although the financial results are important, I think our success isn't only measured by dollar signs. So we should all be proud of our entries, skills, and eagerness to volunteer. I am grateful to be a part of such a LOYAL, HELPFUL and ENERGETIC group! You all rock!

As the weather continues to improve and the flowers begin popping up everywhere, how about taking a walk or just sitting in the park and being still for a while. While looking at the awesome and colorful landscape nature presents us, you might feel the urge to do a "radically" different (but oh so popular nowadays) style of quilt -- the art/innovative kind.

No matter how basic or novice it may turn out to be, I challenge you to give it a try. "Painting" with fabric may stretch your imagination more than you know. I'll make a deal with you: I'll attempt it if you will.....

Merrily we stitch along,
Rae

Meeting April 13, 2009

VFW Hall 9304 Centerville Road Manassas, VA

Located: after the 24 hour CVS at Sudley Road and Rt. 28, before the Firehouse.

There is parking in the back of the hall for our use.

2009 Officers

President

Rae Brady

Treasurer

Toni Mayo

Vice President

Nancy Thyson

Membership

Angela Owens

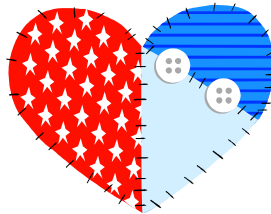
Secretary

Karen Williams

Committees

Bee Keeper
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Web Master

Gina Derksen
Beth Flores
Fran Berrios
Karen Roberson
Kathy McLaren, Vicky Gibson
Darlene Hull
Joann Bueno
Betty Geisler
Vicky Gibson
Barbara Kurtz
Kathy McLaren, Izzy Saylor
Jeanne Endrikat, Sandy Johnson
on hold
Charlotte Cain
Elizabeth Saylor
Beth Flores
Brian Henkel (Jeeves)



SHQG MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 2008

President: Rae Brady Present **Secretary:** Karen Williams Present
Vice President: Nancy Thyson Present **Treasurer:** Tony Mayo Present
Membership: Angela Owens Present

STONE HOUSE QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes for the March 9, 2009 Guild Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Rae Brady. She thanked everyone for making their way to the new meeting site. She reminded those who had not paid their dues to see membership and do so, as this was the cutoff date. If anyone has any issues with the new site please remember to nicely voice them when they are brought to the attention of the membership. It was brought to the attention of the membership that parking is allowed at the firehouse, but ONLY right up next to the VFW property. Rae recognized Sue Waters, Nancy Sonnenberg, Kary Heck, Judy Jellen, June Henkel, and Laura Fuller as having birthdays in March.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the February meeting as published in the March newsletter. Karen Williams, Secretary, noted a correction to be made in the minutes - those who volunteered for the quilt show will not receive a pin buddy for working; they will receive a charm. The pin buddies must be purchased. The minutes were then accepted as amended.

Vice President, Nancy Thyson, reported that Toni Mayo, Treasurer, had passed on to her a letter received from the IRS acknowledging the receipt of our application packet for non-profit status. They could not give a time frame as to when it would be done.

Treasurer, Toni Mayo, gave the treasurer's report for February. The balance brought forward was \$6473.33. Income for the month was \$299.00 with expenses totaling \$50.93, leaving a balance of \$6721.40. Toni asked that all those who will need money for change for the quilt show to get in touch with her. She also asked that no one leave the show without turning in all checks and cash to her.

Membership Chair, Angela Owens, reported that we have 62 paid members with two new members present.

Committee Reports:

Bee Keeper: Chair, Gina Derksen, stated that anyone interested in helping put the Liberia House quilt together please see her.

Birthday Raffle and Sunshine and Shadow: Chair, Beth Flores, asked that anytime anyone knows someone who will need a card from the guild to please let her know. She lives in Front Royal and is not as aware of the goings on here in Manassas. A card was passed around to send to Annette Lowe.

Block of the Month: Chair, Fran Berrios, reported that here were 9 blocks for February. April's block will represent diamonds and the color can be any that you choose. There was an error in the pattern and the correction will be posted on the pattern website. There are 40 triangles in this pattern. Remember to make a scant 1/4 inch seam to allow for pressing.

Community Service: Chair, Karen Roberson, announced that she and Vicky Gibson had delivered 79 quilts to the various charities that the guild supports. Everyone was thrilled with the deliveries. Karen has kits with her for anyone who would like to make a community service quilt and she does not wish to take them home with her. She will discuss making soldier quilts in April.

Events: No report.

Historian: No report.

Hospitality: Chair, JoAnn Bueno, thanked Vicky Gibson and Harriette Siler for the snacks for the meeting, and Carol Galaski and Nancy Thyson for the drinks. She reminded all that when you bring snacks and drinks to please take the leftovers home with you.

Library Quilts: Chair, Betty Geisler, reported that Fran Berrios' quilt is hanging for March and Kelly Young's will hang in April.

Newsletter: Editor, Vicky Gibson, announced that since we will be working on the quilt show for the next couple of weeks the deadline for newsletter articles will be extended until March 27, 2009.

Programs: Chair, Kathy McLaren and Elizabeth Saylor, helper, reported that tonight will be QUILTO and that each card costs one fat quarter. The April program will be about paper-piecing and sign-ups for Mary Kerr's workshop will begin then also. May's program will possibly be "Working with EQ 6" by Jannette Jackson.

Quilt Show: Chair, Jeanne Endrikat, announced that the pinning parties have begun. If you want to help they start at 9:30 A.M. at Shannon Shirley's house. Please feel free to come and help. After the judging had taken place a new evaluation form has been drawn up. Bindings and squaring up quilts were two issues the judges encountered. It was suggested that the guild have a lecture program about these two problems.

On Thursday before the quilt show volunteers can meet at the Fairgrounds in the morning to help clean the exhibit area. They will be sweeping the floors and dusting the walls so that in the afternoon the floor can be washed. The hospitality room will also be cleaned and chloroxed. On Friday, volunteers should meet at 9:00 AM to start setting up and hanging the show. All volunteers will need to go to the hospitality room and sign in so they can receive their charms and prepaid pin buddies. These will not be given out then but can be picked up on Saturday, Sunday, or the next meeting. There is a buffet breakfast for the vendors on Saturday morning at 9:00. If you are volunteering that day and would like to come early and join them please do so. No food or drink except bottled water will be allowed in the exhibit area during the show. Jeanne wanted everyone to get out and let people know about the show -- publicity, publicity, publicity. When the show is over, no quilts will be released until everything is taken down and ready to go to storage. While you are waiting to pick up a quilt, help with the take down; it will mean you can get your quilt sooner. You will need the orange receipt you received when you turned in your quilt to get it back. Next year the quilt show will be March 20 - 21, 2010 so mark your calendars now. This is our 5th year working in collaboration with Cabin Branch for the quilt show.

Vicky Gibson thanked everyone for all the wonderful items for the Boutique. We have a very nice selection of items to sell.

Harriette Siler reported that we have 45 items in the Silent Auction. The nicest things will be put in the Silent Auction and other items or multiples will go to the boutique.

Karen Williams reported that she has a list of those who worked and received a pin last year, and a list of those who will be working for the first time this year. Marie Fisher will give her a list of all those who have prepaid for their pin buddies.

Marie Fisher will be setting up a "Going Green" display in the back room. If you have anything for this display please see Marie and get it to her by Friday before the quilt show.

Row by Row: Chair, Charlotte Cain, reminded everyone that the next row is due at the April meeting. If you won't be able to attend please make prior arrangements to get the row to her.

Set up/Clean up: Chair, Elizabeth Saylor, reminded everyone that if they arrive a little early, please help with the set up. We do not have to take down as we can leave the chairs out for the next group coming in.

Web Master: Everything is going well -- Brian Henkel is doing a great job!

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Show and Tell: Show and Tell was presented by the following: Vicky Gibson, Marie Fisher, Elaine Stuckey, Sharon Harvey, Lisa House, Kary Heck, Janet Scott, Molly Collins, Carol Galaski, Fran Berrios, Karen Lord, Toni Mayo, Kathy McLaren, Harriette Siler and Beth Flores.

The next board meeting will be April 6, 2009 at the home of Nancy Thyson at 7:00 PM. Please let Nancy know if you will be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. followed by QUILTO.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Williams, Secretary for the Stone House Quilters' Guild, March 25, 2009.

QUILT SHOW WRAP UP

Thanks to everyone for a great show! I'd especially like to thank Sandy and Marianne for doing such a great job of assisting me as well as all the committee chairs who worked hard to make the show such a success. The volunteers worked above the call of duty this year when they pitched in to scrub the floor so I hope you won a nice door prize or found a great treasure in the hospitality room bins. Even neighbors and friends were pulled in to help us when we needed it so we now have a newly welded quilt rack. Thank you for ensuring the show was up by a reasonable time Friday evening, and we set a new record for taking it down. In between, the show ran smoothly, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

We have been receiving comments from the public through our web sites and word of mouth that they enjoyed our show. One person I talked to on the phone said that our show is always the best in the area because our show has great quilts, fun things to do, and our volunteers are so friendly and seem to be enjoying themselves.

Our show had a few changes this year: We changed our quilt categories to be more in line with national guidelines; our database was a little easier to use; we had useful quilt web pages on both guild sites; we tapped into more internet connections for publicity; our program booklet expanded; and we had more space for the silent auction, community service, and demonstrations. Next year we will clear up the confusion on quilt photos and try out a few more new things. Please consider volunteering for a committee for next year's show so that your ideas can be implemented!

Congratulations to Cindy Comeyne, a CBQ Vice President, and Penny Simpson, the Country Christmas vendor, for winning the two CBQ raffle quilts. It's always nice when we know the winners, and they are there at the end to receive them. The 2009 Winners of the beautiful Viewer's Choice Ribbons were:

Traditional Pieced

Kitty Deal, "Diamond Jubilee"

Traditional Appliqué

Bobbie Kelly, "My Son's Dog, Ginger"

Traditional Mixed

Emily Martin, "Baltimore Elegance Revisited"

Traditional Pictorial

Shannon Shirley & Group, "Tulip Mania"

Traditional Other

Ruth Baggs, "Whole Cloth 2" (correction, Ruth's other quilt was declared the winner)

Art/Innovative

Donna Weisheit, "Zinnia Garden"

Wearable

Kathie Latimer, "Bernina Surprise"

Other

Karen Roberson, "Hawaiian Pillow"

20-20 Challenge

Kathie Buckley, "2020: America Speaks"

xxx ROW BY ROW xxx

Please be sure to bring your row by row to the April meeting. If you won't be able to make it either call me or make arrangements to have your row brought in by another guild member. The upcoming row will be appliqué.

Charlotte

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 76 paid members. We had 8 new members in the past month. Kimberly Waters and Sharon Harvey joined at the March meeting. At the quilt show, Betty Ann Blanton, Elizabeth Sampson, Trevette Hawkins, Tina Huneycutt, Saundra Malang, and Valerie Nealey became new members of the guild. Welcome to all the new members! There are still a few people who have not renewed their membership for the year. Please be sure to see me at the next meeting to renew.

SHQG Calendar 2009

April 6 Stone House Quilters Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Nancy Thyson's home.

April 13 Stone House Quilters Guild Meeting at 7:00 P.M., at the VFW Hall, 9304 Centerville Rd., Manassas, VA.

Community Service Quilts

The guild's fabric stash is now stored at Karen Roberson's. If you need any fabric or batting for your community service quilts, give Karen a call. She's happy to have you "shop" for the fabric you need. So, please continue to work on a quilt for community service. The quilt sizes are as follows:

Rock and Rollers (Nursing Home) 36x39

CASA --any size, please use bright colors

Babies (Prince William Hospital) 36-45 inches square or rectangular

Soldier Quilts --Please begin to make these at least 50x60 not to exceed 72x90. There is a possibility that we can get them quilted by someone else.

April Birthdays



Annette Lowe – April 7

Harriette Siler – April 10

Helga Whittaker – April 16

Ruthellen MacDonald – April 19

Betty Geisler – April 21

Roberta Kohan – April 22

Please bring a small gift for our raffle, whose funds go directly to the Guild!

GEMSTONE BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Ladies, we are ready for April's block. The gem stone is one of our favorites - the Diamond. The web address is: www.quilterscache.com/T/TrianglesBlock.html

To add a little color to this month's fabric choices, make a block using pink, blue or yellow. Or you can choose the typical diamond color and use light gray and silver. REMEMBER: the white or white-on-white fabric is Color 1. Color 2 is dark and Color 3 is medium. No templates for this block. As I suggested at the guild meeting, use slips of paper to identify your initial cutting pieces. Lay out your block and check that each of your pieces is in the proper place. Double check that your white-on-white is facing up. Have fun - and if you need help, contact me.

Here is a peek at May's block called Creole Puzzle - www.quilterscache.com/C/CreolePuzzleBlock.html
Our May gem stone is Emerald and we will be using shades of deep green. Fran Berrios

~~~~~NEW MEETING PLACE~~~~~

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