



# The Stone House Quilter

Stone House Quilters' Guild Manassas, Virginia

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## The President in Pieces

As we enter the month of March, my thoughts naturally turn to Spring. Browse through some of your quilting books for Spring related patterns. Maybe that free magazine you just picked up at the last Guild Meeting had a special idea that caught your fancy. March 20th is the first day of Spring - put a smile on your face by choosing to start a new project with spring-like fabrics.

I'm working on finishing up - as in hand quilting - a top that I put together with a variety of floral shapes around twelve sunflower appliqué blocks I won in a block exchange in 2004. Better late than never! My promise to finish up UFOs is moving along nicely.



We also celebrate St. Patrick's Day in March. I was thinking about all the Good Luck that comes with that day. Here's wishing you all Good Luck with our Quilt Show - may you each win a Blue Ribbon for one of your quilting creations or you find that very special fabric, pattern or kit you've been looking for everywhere.

Looking at my calendar I notice that daylight saving time begins on March 13th. Our days will be brighter longer. Take time to enjoy the evenings with family and friends.

*All my best, Fran Berrios*

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**STONE HOUSE QUILTERS GUILD MEETING, March 14, at 7pm**

**Java Rock – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

**At the Manassas Baptist Church**

**8730 Sudley Road, Manassas VA 20110**

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### 2010 Officers

**President**

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## Committees

|                               |                                               |
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| Bee Keeper                    | Karen Williams                                |
| Birthday Raffle               | Jeanne Endrikat                               |
| Block of the Month            | Kathy McLaren                                 |
| Community Service Quilts      | Harriette Siler                               |
| E-News                        | June Henkel                                   |
| Events (Retreat)              | Janice Carner & Fran Berrios                  |
| Historian                     | Darlene Hull                                  |
| Hospitality                   | Angela Owens                                  |
| Library Quilts                | Betty Geisler                                 |
| Newsletter                    | Donna McDonald                                |
| Parliamentarian               | Barbara Kurtz                                 |
| Programs                      | Izzy Saylor, Elaine Stuckey & Janette Jackson |
| Quilt Show Coordinator        | Sandy Johnson                                 |
| Quilt Show SHQ Representative | Carol Galaski                                 |
| Raffle Quilt 2011             | Sandy Johnson                                 |
| Raffle Quilt 2012             | Karen Williams, Carol Galaski & Nancy Thyson  |
| Round Robin                   | Beth Flores                                   |
| Row by Row                    | Lynn Marsh                                    |
| Sunshine and Shadows          | Rae Brady                                     |
| Webmaster                     | Brian Henkel (Jeeves)                         |

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## SHQG Calendar 2011

**March 7**, Board Meeting 7-9pm, Carol's house

**March 12-13**, Quilt Show at Prince William County Fairgrounds

**March 14**, Guild meeting program: Paper Piecing School House

**March 28**, Newsletter deadline

**April 11**, Antique Sewing Machines by Bill Gatson



### Programs

**March** program: Paper piecing School House presented by Izzie Saylor, Harriette Siler and Elaine Stuckey. This will be a relaxed demonstration to unstressed paper piecing!

**April** program: Antique Sewing Machines by Bill Gatson. If you have any old machines that have a problem, take a picture and he will answer your questions.

**June** program: Up and coming fabric designer, Amanda Murphy will be our guest speaker. Amanda is going to discuss how she got started and what inspires her. You can see some of her fabrics in the Jan/Feb. McCalls Magazine.

**July** program: Ice Cream Social!!!! Everyone bring your favorite topping and we will have a wonderful Social. Our meeting will take place in Cornerstone Creations that evening.

## Membership

**It's time to renew your SHQG membership!** Membership forms will be available at the March guild meeting to renew your membership. The cost is \$20. Please remember that you must be an active paid member to participate in our quilt show in March. This includes entering a quilt or signing up to be a volunteer. Please welcome our new members, Diane Pennington, Vivian Roeder, Lisa Craven, and Beverly Bagent.

*Nancy*

## SHQG Minutes for the February 14, 2010 General Meeting at Java Rock

**President**, Fran Berrios, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. She noted that the microphone system was ordered and should arrive sometime next week Kathleen Watkins motioned that the minutes as printed in January newsletter be accepted, and Rae Brady seconded.

**Vice President**, Carol Galaski had tickets for the raffle quilt ready for members to sign out. She requested that the money/ticket stubs be returned to her the day of the quilt show at the latest. Call her if needed to arrange for return of tickets. She then gave an explanation of the paper pieced block for the 2012 raffle quilt.

**Treasurer**, Kathleen Watkins took deposits for the retreat, membership, and birthday raffle.

### **Committee Notes:**

Bee Keeper – Karen Williams noted that all bees are doing well. We need another evening bee as the current one is full. If anyone is interested in starting an evening bee be sure to contact her.

Birthday Raffle – Jeanne Endrikat noted that there were two presents for the raffle and wished a Happy Birthday to February celebrants. Members are asked to bring in a small gift for the raffle at the meeting in their birthday month.

Block of the Month – Kathy McLaren noted that February's block was a shoo fly (all blocks are to be 6 1/2" unfinished). Fran Berrios won the drawing for a shoo fly block pot holder made with Valentine themed fabric. March's block is a split rail variation. Members keep their block; however, bring the completed block to show Kathy for an entry in the meeting's raffle.

Community Service – Harriette Siler collected 5 more community service quilts. She would like you to come see our stash of community service fabrics. She has a plentiful supply of fabric and batting available, just give her a call.

E-news – June Henkel requests that you send her any quilt-related/area events suitable for E-news.

Fall Retreat – Janice Carner is taking sign-ups and roommate choices. We are looking for someone else who is interested in only three of the four days.

Historian – Darlene Hull took pictures of quilts for show and tell.

Hospitality – Angela Owens thanked Kathleen Watkins and Betty Geisler for snacks and Lynne Daconta for drinks for the meeting. She will send reminders to those who have signed up for March's meeting.

Membership – Our 4 new members are Diane Pennington, Vivian Roeder, Lisa Craven, and Beverly Bagent.

Library Quilts – Betty Geisler stated that Rae Brady's quilt will hang in February and Izzy Saylor's in March.

Newsletter – Donna McDonald requests articles for the March Newsletter no later than February 21.

Committee chairs be sure to include your news.

Programs – March features paper piecing; April is a discussion of treadle machines.

Quilt Show: Sandy Johnson, Coordinator for the 2011 show, noted that the quilt show is the biggest money-making effort of the guild. She is grateful for all who have volunteered and donated time and items so far. Lynne Marsh and Janet Scott will dress in Civil War costumes while demonstrations will highlight Civil War quilting and fabrics. Other news related to the quilt show:

- Jeanne Endrikat thanked everyone for the early registration of quilts. She is still looking for persons to do demonstrations and asks for ideas related to Civil War that may even be carried over to modern times.
- Silent Auction – Harriette Siler noted that she has 64 items. Call her with any donations or questions.

- Hospitality – Donna McDonald noted that she needs volunteers for soups, sandwiches, chili, or casseroles. Call her if you have any questions.
- Volunteers – Karen Williams noted that as of the meeting she had 51 of 59 paid members signed to volunteer. She still needs volunteers for white gloving, hospitality and silent auction for both days. She noted that the bell at the prize table has been retired. A helper from our guild is needed at the prize table.

Raffle Quilt 2012 – Please return completed blocks at the next guild meeting.

Row by Row – Lynne Marsh noted that the next row is mountains and is due in March.

Round Robin – Lynne Marsh announced that the first round robin is due at the March meeting. Seven people are signed up.

Sunshine and Shadows – no report. Rae welcomed baby Colby Miller who attended with his mother, Beth Flores.

### **SHOW AND TELL**

The following members showed quilts: Vicky Gibson, Jeanne Endrikat, Karen Roberson, Harriette Siler, Millie Gomez, Paula Cacciatore, Sharon Harvey, Jannette Jackson, Nancy Sonnenberg, Jane VonCulin, Lynne Daconta, Kathy McLaren, Tony Mayo, and Fran Berrios.

After the break for refreshments, members were treated to a trunk show of Debbie Kratovil's beautiful quilts. She shared many of her tips with us and inspired us.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Vicky Gibson, Secretary, on February 17, 2011*

## **QUILT SHOW NEWS:**

As you read your March newsletter, a majority of the work has been done for our quilt show. As a volunteer, you are probably putting the finishing touches on the casserole you're going to bring and popping it in the oven, you need to get back to "pumping some iron" in order to have the strength to help hang up the quilts at set up and don't forget to keep practicing your smile and greeting for all the wonderful guests that we'll be receiving at the show! I don't need to mention how you've been practicing handing over your charge card or cash to our great vendors, because some of you had plenty of practice at the Hampton Show! These are just a few last minute things we need to take care of before we open the doors on the 2011 Quilt Show. In all likelihood, each one of us had been preparing for an entire year for this show, well maybe a little longer for some of us! But all this preparation is well worth it for two fun filled days to be with fellow quilters, to see some beautiful quilts, to purchase that must have fabric or notion and to enjoy the talents of some pretty amazing women!

When you look up "volunteer" in the dictionary it says: a person who performs a service willingly and without pay. For all of you who are more than willing to work at this year's show, thank you so very much! It goes without saying that without all of you, there wouldn't be a show. And as for the "without pay" part, I think being in the company of our fellow quilters and new friends is payment enough!!!

*Enjoy a great show and we'll do it all over again next year!! Sandy*

## **Raffle Quilt News**

Our beautiful raffle quilt will be raffled off at our own quilt show on March 13th. Contact Carol Galaski at [Carol.galaski@nortelgov.com](mailto:Carol.galaski@nortelgov.com) if you want some tickets to buy or sell, time is running out! Remember the proceeds will be going to the Lupus Foundation, Northern Virginia Chapter.

## SHQ E-News

E-News provides a means for guild members to share guild and quilting news via email between SHQ newsletter issues. The information provided in these emails is from guild members. As such, any replies concerning the information in E-News items should be addressed to the writer of the article and not replied to directly. Direct replies go to the Webmaster's mailbox and will not be answered. If you have any quilting related news or SHQ announcements you would like to send to the guild membership via E-News, please send them to [juniper.jh@verizon.net](mailto:juniper.jh@verizon.net). E-News articles should be single-spaced and with single spacing between paragraphs.

*Thanks, June Henkel*

**Reminder that the March Row by Row is mountains.  
The first block of the Round Robin is due at the March meeting.**

### 2011 Block of the Month

**9-Patch Sampler** (12 qty BOM Blocks- 6" Blocks Finished Size) – ¼" Seam Allowances (41" x 49" Finished Size). Samplers provide a great opportunity for using up scraps and trying out new techniques. Feel free to mix and match – try new combinations. Experiment with color too!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: Kathy McLaren ([sewhat@comcast.net](mailto:sewhat@comcast.net)) or 703-583-8181. I used the EQ7 quilt design software to create this project. The possibilities are endless!

Block of the Month: Fran Berrios received the potholder for participating in the Block of the Month for February's meeting. We're moving on from the Shoo-Fly to a Variation of the Split Rail with March's Two-by-Three Block. Have you decided on a color palette or theme for your quilt using the Block of the Month designs? You've probably noticed that my blocks reflect a holiday or characteristic of the month. It will be my "Holidays through the Year" quilt. Hopefully you are finding these blocks to be a bit like "Lays Potato Chips" - you can't make just one. These blocks are quick and simple, which makes them perfect for community quilts!

Have fun! If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me, Kathy: [sewhat@comcast.net](mailto:sewhat@comcast.net).

#### March: Two by Three Block (A Rail Fence Variation)

- 5 qty: 2-1/2" x 1-1/2" Dark Fabric and Light Fabric
- 4 qty: 2-1/2" x 1-1/2" Medium Dark Fabric and Medium Light Fabric

These blocks could be strip pieced using 1-1/2" strips and sewing fabric pairs, then trimming to 2-1/2" squares.

#### **Prince William County Arts Council: Save the Date \*\* April 30, 2011\*\***

(Rain Date May 1, 2011) for Arts Alive! 2011. This will be an interactive arts festival with groups from the PWC Arts Council offering performances, exhibits, hands-on activities and information about ART Opportunities within Prince William County. SHQ and CBQ will work together to sponsor a Children's Quilting Activity - make and take station during the festival. We will have some quilts exhibited, a table with information on SHQ to share with the community... More details on times, volunteers needed, etc... will be forthcoming. Keep a look out for the new Arts Council Web Site for information about the event: [www.PWCArtsCouncil.org](http://www.PWCArtsCouncil.org). Members have been asked to help publicize this event. Let's make a great event for the community! Any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact Kathy McLaren ([sewhat@comcast.net](mailto:sewhat@comcast.net)).

## Landmark Challenge Quilt Exhibit:

A special thanks to all of the members, who have participated in this challenge. The quilts are exquisite! The first showing of these quilts will be at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival February 2011 in Hampton, VA. Be sure to look for them at the CBQ/SHQ Quilt Show in March and more shows in August-October... You will be able to travel the world and even find a treasured landmark in your own back yard with this exhibit. It's time to pass the torch and get some new enthusiasm for this project. SHQ needs a volunteer to come forward to help coordinate the 2012 Challenge. If you would like to know what this entails, feel free to ask me, Kathy McLaren ([sewhat@comcast.net](mailto:sewhat@comcast.net)).

### Community Service Quilts

Fran Berrios turned in 3 quilts.  
Harriette Siler made 3 to be tied at the quilt show.  
New member Vivian Roeder also made a quilt.  
Please support the efforts of this generous committee.

#### Community Service Quilt Sizes:

**CASA: any size, please use cheery/bright colors**

**Soldier Quilts: (Walter Reed) 50" x 60" not to exceed 72" x 90"**

**Rock and Rollers: (Nursing Home) 36" x 39"**

**Babies: (Prince William Hospital) 36" or 45" square or 45" x 54"**

### LIBRARY QUILTS

March Featured Quilter: Izzy Saylor

Sizes for the quilts that hang in the library are from 45" to 50" in width and length.  
Though smaller quilts may not need a sleeve, a sleeve on the back is preferred.  
Bring your quilts during the month you volunteered it.  
Quilts are hung in the Central Library for the following month.



Lynne Daconta – March 3  
Nancy Sonnenberg – March 9  
Kary Heck – March 15  
June Henkel – March 17  
Rebecca Peyton – March 29

Sue Waters – March 4  
Barbara Olweiler – March 10  
Judy Jellen – March 15  
Jamay Ross – March 23  
Alison Prevost – March 30

**Please bring a small gift for our raffle. The funds go directly to the Guild.**

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY