

The Stone House Quilter

News of the



**Stone House Quilters Guild
Manassas, Virginia**

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BITS and PIECES FROM the PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

As I type this I am homebound due to the incredibly high pollen count---I hope you are not suffering much from allergies, and hopefully not at all. Thank goodness I am not allergic to cotton; therefore I can keep busy with quilting! We always have such a good and inspiring turnout for the "show & tell" portion of our meeting. It is such a treat to see all of the different colors, styles, and ideas that you bring. I know I sometimes get the "don't wanna do anything" bug, but I have learned to just ride it out. If you are feeling a little less than prolific in starting or finishing a project, just relax. I bet that creative drive will return with gusto very soon.

Rae

IMPORTANT NOTICE

"Be sure to come to our May meeting; we'll be voting on an amendment to meet the final requirement in achieving our non-profit status!"

Meeting May 11, 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

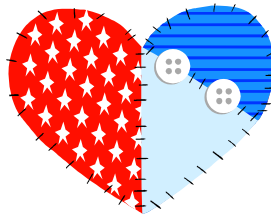
Secretary

Karen Williams

Committees

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



SHQG MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 2009

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 April 13, 2009 Guild Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Rae Brady. She announced that JoAnn Bueno brought the snacks, but had to leave because she just received a call that her son had been injured on the job and was at the emergency room. Please keep Jo Ann and her son in your thoughts.

Rae also recognized those who have birthdays in April: Betty Geisler, Annette Lowe, Harriette Siler, Helga Whittaker and Roberta Kohan.

This is also the 15th anniversary for the formation of the Stone House Quilters Guild. Rae wanted to recognize the members who were there at the beginning: Janet Scott, Betty Geisler, Janette Jackson and Annette Lowe. She thanked them for starting the guild and keeping it going. There were 10 people at that first meeting.

The guild has received the appraisal for the raffle quilt from Mary Kerr. The appraised value is \$3250.00.

A motion was made and accepted to accept the minutes from the March meeting as published in the April newsletter.

Vice President, Nancy Thyson, reported that she had been called by the IRS and that they have a request for the names and addresses of the current board and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation that are on file with the state of Virginia. Nancy will take care of providing this. About two weeks after the IRS receives this information, and if they like the verbiage, we could have a decision on our non-profit status.

Treasurer, Toni Mayo, reported that the balance for the beginning of March was \$6721.40 with income for the month as \$2093.00. Expenses for the month were \$276.54, leaving a balance of \$8537.86. Toni will make a final report on the quilt show proceeds, hopefully in May or June, as soon as Cabin Branch gets the books done. She had a preliminary report on boutique proceeds as being about \$1400.00.

Angela Owens, Membership Chair, reported that we now have 79 paid members. We signed up 8 new members in the past month, 6 at the quilt show. There are two visitors. She has printed new rosters which can be picked up from her.

Committee Reports:

Birthday Raffle/Sunshine and Shadow: Beth Flores, Chair, noted that there are four gifts for the raffle. Block of the Month: Fran Berrios, Chair, announced that the block for May is Creole Puzzle and should be done in emerald green. There were six diamond blocks for April.

Community Service: Karen Roberson, Chair, went over the basics for community service quilts for the new members. She announced that we have received thank you notes from the hospital and from CASA. CASA will be having their spring fund raiser – a 1950's Retro Dance - on April 25, 2009. Karen now has a helper; Millie Keene has volunteered to assist Karen. So far this year the guild has turned in 29 quilts. There was no specific goal set for 2009, but an anonymous guild member has challenged the guild to make 200 quilts for community service. The reward will be \$100 cash drawn separately from the regular drawings for the gift cards. The sizes for the community service quilts are published in the newsletter. Karen and Millie have put together red, white, and blue kits to make 12.5 inch blocks for a quilt for the VFW as a thank you for letting us use the building.

There are no specific community service workshops planned at this time.

Event: Kathy McLaren and Vicky Gibson, Chairs, announced that the annual retreat will be held on September 25 and 26, 2009 at Cornerstone Creations. Sign up will begin in May. There are 30 slots available. The cost is still being worked out but will be due at time of sign up. The retreat is on a first come, first serve basis. There are no specific classes or projects planned, so plan to bring whatever you want to work on. A scavenger hunt is planned on Friday night at Old Towne Needlecraft, and is open to all guild members. Country Christmas has been asked to be the vendor on Saturday at the retreat. Saturday's lunch will be catered by Tony's.

Historian: Historian, Darlene Hull, is scanning the scrap books onto CD's. When she is taking pictures for the books, she would appreciate that the quilts be held so that she can see your face. She needs to know who the quilt belongs to.

Library Quilt: Betty Geisler, Chair, reported that Kelly Young's quilt is hanging for April. Elizabeth Saylor's will hang in May. She also said that the maximum size for library quilts should be 50x64 inches. Anything over 36 inches should have a hanging sleeve.

Newsletter: Vicky Gibson, Editor, announced that the deadline for the May newsletter will be April 27, 2009.

Programs: Elizabeth Saylor, Co-Chair, gave a run down of the programs for the rest of the year. Kathy McLaren has sent the schedule to "Jeeves" so that the monthly program can be published as a reminder in an e-news. In May, Shannon Shirley will give a presentation on "Children's Art and Quilts," and in June Mary Kerr will give a program and workshop on "Saving Our Treasurers." The workshop will be June 27, 2009 from 12:00 until 4:00 P.M. and will cost \$20.00 for guild members. There will also be a \$10.00 kit fee payable to Mary Kerr. The guild decided to have Secret Santa again this year and that will start in September.

Quilt Show Rep: Jeanne Endrikat, Chair, announced that the quilt show wrap up meeting will be April 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Central Library in Manassas. She recognized Kathie Latimer and Karen Roberson for winning Viewer's Choice ribbons at the show.

Jeanne had also made CD's of some of the things going on at the quilt show. Anyone who would like one let Jeanne know and they can be purchased for \$1.00.

Until the wrap up meeting, Jeanne will not have final amounts. She did have a tentative amount from Silent Auction in the amount of \$1218.00.

She then handed out gifts to the committee chairs in appreciation of their work.

Karen Williams, Volunteer Coordinator, had a small token of appreciation for all those who volunteered and worked the show.

Row by Row: Chair, Charlotte Cain, announced that the next row could be picked up and would be due in June. This row will be appliqué.

Old Business: President, Rae Brady, reminded everyone that it is time to start thinking about a nomination committee for 2010.

New Business: Kathy McLaren announced that all should have received a survey with suggestions for the next challenge. Read over it and mark your choices for first, second or third. If you have other ideas write them in. The ideas will be returned to Cabin Branch and they will add them to theirs. If there is no clear choice, a vote will be held in May. We should know in June what the challenge will be. The size has not yet been decided.

Janet Scott, will be giving a lunchtime chat on June 15, 2009 entitled "A Stitch in Time: American Quilts" at the Manassas Museum. Bring a bag lunch, drinks are provided: 12:15 PM; cost \$4.00.

Rae reinforced the idea that guild members are happy to answer any questions that new members (or even old members) have, so don't be shy about asking someone.

Show and Tell: Presentations were made by the following: Jill Hagen, Janet Scott, Millie Keene, Angela Owens, Sharon Harvey, Ruthellen MacDonald, Hariette Siler, Rae Brady, and Janette Jackson. Fran Berrios showed a quilt she had made for National Quilt day's "Welcome Home" theme. The quilt will be donated to the E. Carrington Center.

The next board meeting will be May 4, 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 8:25 PM followed by a program on paper piecing.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Williams, Secretary for the Stone House Quilter's Guild, April 23, 2009.

QUILT SHOW WRAP UP

Even though we are not finished with receipts, I thought you'd like some preliminary numbers and trends. We know that SHQ made \$1218.00 on the Silent Auction; this is over \$200 more than this year and almost as much as CBQ with \$1453.00. The boutique made \$1393 which is about \$150 more than last year. When all is finalized, SHQ will make slightly more than we did last year. Despite the economic downturn this year, we still have improved our income. Hopefully, Toni will have the final results at our next guild meeting.

Please remember that our show is primarily to educate the public about quilting and not about income. The public learned a lot about our diverse quilting styles and quilting methods by observing our quilted items and participating in the demos as well as the community service tying. They also brought quilts in to be appraised and as a result learned about the materials and methods used for that time period. Our Green display reflected the current interest in recycling and reusing, showing them new ways to repurpose their fabric, trims and buttons. I hope our guild members took advantage of the chance to learn how to improve your quilting skills by having a quilt or two judged. Lastly, don't forget we also had a good time with our sisters in quilting and learning more about them.

Our last quilt show committee meeting was April 22. We discussed the high points of the show (there were many), and reflected on how to improve some items for next year. For one thing, we felt that the internet played a big part in advertising our show. Sadly, we also learned that next year we will lose 3 of our vendors due to retirement or the bad economy, but we have several vendors already waiting to be part of the show. If you would like to be part of the planning process for the next 2010 show, please contact Sandy or Jeanne and let them know.

Thank you very much for your support!! Jeanne

XXX ROW BY ROW XXX

This is just a friendly reminder! The next row by row will be due at the June meeting. I hope you have been doing better at getting started than I have been. Now that the weather is warmer there are too many other distractions. This row is your choice of appliqué done by machine or by hand. Let the spring inspire you ladies. Charlotte

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 79 paid members. Paper copies of the updated roster are now available at the membership table. If you did not pick one up at the April meeting, please stop by the membership table at the May meeting.

PROGRAMS

Be sure to note and save the dates from the SHQG Calendar on page 6 of this issue. You won't want to miss any of the guild's programs. The Fall Retreat on September 25 and 26 will be held at the Cornerstone Creation's room at Manassas Baptist Church. The cost is \$35.00; you can sign up beginning at the May guild meeting. There is a limit of 30 people. Also, space remains for Mary Kerr's workshop "Saving our Treasures" on quilt repair and preservation on June 27. The fee is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Izzy Saylor and Kathy McLaren are happy to answer any questions about the programs.

HISTORICAL BLOCK SOCIETY

Thursday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Liberia House Quilt Top Workshop
at Bethel Lutheran Church on Plantation Lane**

The Hysterical *Historical Block Society* needs YOUR help as we assemble the sections and borders of this gorgeous appliquéd project. Arranging and machine-stitching rows of already-completed blocks, pressing, squaring and trimming and, well, you know the system!! Bring your machines and squaring/trimming tools. A simple LUNCH will be provided. ***Please let GINA Derksen know if you can attend or help in any way.*** Our group will be donating the quilt, after hand-quilting (!!!), for the restoration work at Liberia House here in Manassas. Be part of history! Be hysterical!



SHQG Calendar 2009

May 4 Stone House Quilters Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Nancy Thyson's home.

May 11 Stone House Quilters Guild Meeting at 7:00 P.M., at the VFW Hall, 9304 Centerville Rd., Manassas, VA. At this meeting Shannon Shirley will give an eclectic trunk show and share her Re-Creating Children's Art into Quilts. Sign up for the SHQ Fall Retreat begins.

June 8 and 27 Mary Kerr will do a lecture and workshop on Saving Our Treasures. The Quilt Repair/Preservation Workshop is from 12-4 P.M. on 6/27, and the fee is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. A \$10 kit fee is due to Mary Kerr at the workshop. (Sign Ups for the workshop started at the April meeting.)

July 13 Christmas in July – Ideas for Quick Quilted Projects/Gifts

August 10 Ice Cream Social - Quilt Games

September 14 Jannette Jackson - Using the Computer (EQ-6) to design quilts, and Secret Santa Sign-Up.

September 25-26 Fall Retreat

October 12 Parker Chiudioni - Quilted Bags (workshop at Circle Sewing Studio in Occoquan; Fee of \$50 payable to Circle Sewing Studio)

November 9 and 14 Pat Sloan - Wild and Free Quilts (lecture on 11/9) Workshop on 11/14 from 10 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. with an hour lunch break. Workshop Fee is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. Required book is Pat Sloan's **Take the Fear Out of Color**, and it will be available for purchase at the workshop for \$15.

December 8 Holiday Social. Last names beginning with A-J bring a Savory; K-Z bring Sweets.

Community Service Quilts

Don't forget to work on and hand in your soldier blocks. 12" finished 12 1/2" unfinished. We will make a quilt for the VFW and use any leftovers for soldiers' quilts.

Would you like a chance to win \$100 in cash? Make some community service quilts. If we have 200 quilts turned in, a special drawing will be held at the December meeting. Currently we have 32 completed.

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. Any questions, please call Karen Roberson.

May Birthdays



Kelly Young – May 5

Gina Derksen – May 9

Elizabeth Sampson – May 12

Kathy McLaren – May 14

Pat Dufresne – May 17

Peggy Beljan – May 19

Beth Flores – May 27

Darcie Russell – May 30

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

GEMSTONE BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the winners of the blocks for each month so far. Kathy McLaren won the 13 blocks for January. Ruthellen MacDonald received the 11 blocks in February. The 8 March blocks were won by Beth Flores and Rae Brady has the 6 April blocks. The blocks that have been turned in are beautiful. Several quilts tops have already been designed and stitched up and they look fantastic. **Let's see some more entries for the month of May.** The Emerald blocks you win could become a gorgeous "Spring is Busting out All Over" quilt. Again, if I can sew up these blocks, so can all of you.

Our birthday gem for May is the Emerald. Our block is called Creole Puzzle - www.quilterscache.com/C/CreolePuzzleBlock.html

There are three pages of instructions - the last page is the templates. Use two shades of emerald green fabric and white or white-on-white print. The instructions are easy to follow. Remember to size up (trim) your pieces after preparation of each of the units. The block should measure 12 1/2 " unfinished. Take a peek at June's gem - the Pearl. The block is called Weathervane.

www.quilterscache.com/W/WeathervaneBlock.html

Keep Stitchin'!

Fran Berrios

Ideas for What to Take For That Quilters' Retreat

Many of you have mentioned retreats lately. Here's an extremely comprehensive list of items you may want to take along. Keep it as a handy reference – it really does help think through what you may need when you are packing for the event.

Main Equipment

Sewing machine/foot pedal/cords/manual
Extra needles
Pre-filled/empty bobbins
Machine cleaner/oil
Power strip/extension cord
Screwdrivers (Phillips and regular)

Threads

Neutral cotton
YLI silk thread for appliqué
Hand needles
Thimble
Needle threader
Ball/flower/1/2" appliqué pins
Pin Holder – magnetic

Tools

Small thread snips
Scissors (fabric, paper, appliqué)
Tweezers/stiletto
Seam ripper
Rotary mat/cutter/extra blades
Plastic tape measure
Add-a-quarter ruler
Various size rulers

Various Other Items

Hera marker/wooden iron
"That Purple Thang"

(Other items continued)

Ironing pad/iron
Reducing glass
Glue baste Ziploc bags
Spray bottle of water
Starch/sizing
Micro Pen
Mechanical pencil/pencils
White fabric marker
Highlighter
Template Plastic
Interfacing/iron-on and regular
Masking tape or blue painters tape
Ott light
Pink pearl eraser
White fabric eraser
Reading glasses
Glue stick
Post it notes
Notebook
Mailing labels
Band-aids
Tylenol
Wet ones
Tide 2 Go stick
Graph paper/tracing paper
Plastic flannel tablecloth as design board
All around reference guide
Back scratcher
Comfy seat cushion
Water bottle
Protein or snack bar

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