



The Stone House Quilter

Stone House Quilters' Guild Manassas, Virginia

www.stonehousequilters.org

Vol. 18, No. 5, May 2011

President's Message

The best thing in my life right now is the company of quilters – and they are everywhere! I was waiting to get my hair trimmed the other day and sitting next to me was a quilter. We didn't talk long, but it felt so comfortable to be sharing a part of my day with her. I live with one of the most talented quilters I know – my daughter, Janice Berrios Carner. She has challenged me in many ways to become a better quilter. It's so nice to share our love of quilting with each other.

The Java Rock bee could not meet at the school on a Friday recently, so Karen Roberson invited us to come to her house. There were about nine of us there and several ladies brought food to share to make the visit more enjoyable. Karen's house is full of quilts. Everywhere you look there are lovely pieced goodies to savor. Eye candy for the soul.

After years of dabbling in 'other' crafting projects, I am now a quilter and I am loving every minute. To be in the company of quilters is definitely the way to feel a bit of heaven right here on earth.

My best wishes to each of you, Fran Berrios



STONE HOUSE QUILTERS GUILD MEETING, May 9, at 7pm

Java Rock – 2nd Monday

At the Manassas Baptist Church

8730 Sudley Road, Manassas VA 20110

www.stonehousequilters.org

2011 Officers

President
Vice President
Secretary

Fran Berrios
Carol Galaski
Vicky Gibson

Treasurer
Membership

Kathleen Watkins
Nancy Thyson

Committees

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	Lynne Marsh
Row by Row	Lynne Marsh
Sunshine and Shadows	Rae Brady
Webmaster	Brian Henkel (Jeeves)

SHQG Calendar 2011

May 2, Board Meeting 7-9pm, TBD, check your e-mail

May 9, Guild meeting

May 21, Bargello workshop with Elaine at Cornerstone Creations from 9am-4pm

May 23, Newsletter deadline



Programs

May program: is an interactive discussion of Patterns within Patterns. Jannette Jackson will be presenting this program and she requests we bring scissors and any fabric scraps we don't know where to use. She will bring scraps with her as well and we are invited to play with pieces and glue. This will be a fun evening and we should all go away with new inspirations.

Upcoming events: On Saturday, May 21st there will be a Bargello workshop run by Elaine Stuckey. We will meet at Cornerstone Creations from 9-4, lunch will be included and maybe scones to get you going in the morning. The cost is \$40. There will be a sign-up sheet as well as examples of 2 styles of Bargello- a beginning and a more challenging- at the April guild meeting.

June Program: guest speaker, Amanda Murphy is a new fabric designer whose mother lives in Manassas, so she has agreed to come talk to us. You can see her work in the following magazines:

Fons and Porter Love of Quilting - May/June 2011
McCalls Quilting- Feb. 2011
Quilter's Newsletter- Feb/March 2011
Quilts and More- Spring 2011
Fabric Trends- Swiss Chocolate Hexagon Quilt- Winter 2011
American Patchwork and Quilting- Spring 2011
Quick Quilts- May 2011
Quilter's Newsletter- April/May 2011
F&P Easy Quilts- Summer 2011
Quiltmaker- March/ April 2011

Amanda will be talking about how she develops a collection, from ideas to quilt designs. Amanda's Mother's stitching group will also be our guests that evening so we will be able to meet some new ladies from our area.

July Program will be our ever popular Ice Cream Social! Guild members are to bring their favorite topping and the Guild will supply the ice cream, bowls, spoons and lots of napkins. Sandy Johnson will be presenting a slide show on our Quilt Show while we enjoy our treat. Don't forget, the meeting will take place in the Creative Cornerstone room which is located on the opposite end of the Java Rock building. There is a back parking lot and a back door to make it more convenient. Just drive around the left side of the school building and park on that side.

August program will be Bill Gaston discussing Antique sewing machines. Bill had to postpone his appearance because he became ill with pneumonia. We are happy he is on the mend.

September & October are still open.

November program will be Karen Seivert. Karen has a new book coming out the week before our meeting so she will be bringing copies for us to purchase. The Saturday after our meeting, she will be running a workshop based on that book. Details of that will be given out later.

December program will be our annual Christmas party. Watch for more details.

Membership

Membership registration is still open for returning and new members.
Applications will be available at the May Guild meeting. The cost is \$20. *Nancy*

SHQG Minutes for the April 11, 2011 General Meeting at Java Rock

President, Fran Berrios, called the meeting to order at 7pm with a welcome to all. She read a thank you note from June and Brian Henkel who will treasure the beautiful 2011 raffle quilt won by June. Fran announced that due to illness Bill Gatson, member Izzy Saylor's father, would not be able to give his presentation on antique sewing machines so the evening's meeting would end with a social time for members. Appreciation for Donna McDonald's inclusion of pictures in the April newsletter was noted; all agreed pictures were a great addition. Nancy Thyson made a motion to approve the minutes as read in the April newsletter, and Barbara Kurtz seconded.

Vice President, Carol Galaski, discussed the plan for the SHQG's participation in Manassas City's June 4th Railroad Festival. Carol and Karen Williams will set-up on the afternoon of June 3rd in one of the rooms at the Museum. The 2012 raffle quilt (top) will be on display as well as 3 large vintage quilts, small quilts, older baskets, notions, templates, etc. Two volunteers are needed for the 3rd beginning at noon; two hour shifts will be required for all day Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th until 2 P.M. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May guild meeting.

Treasurer, Kathleen Watkins, announced that the guild was able to give \$1,800 to the Lupus Foundation as a result of successful 2011 raffle quilt ticket sales. Sandy Johnson will hand deliver the check. Kathleen noted that the guild still had a healthy balance to cover all needs. She also took deposits for the retreat, membership, and birthday raffle.

Committee Notes:

Bee Keeper – Karen Williams noted that all bees are doing well. Kathleen Watkins' first evening bee starts on Wednesday, April 13. It will continue on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings with the first few meetings held at Kathleen's. Call if you are interested in attending. All are welcome.

Birthday Raffle – Beth Flores, standing in for Jeanne who is on vacation, announced that there were three gifts for the raffle; she congratulated Annette Lowe, Betty Geisler, and Harriette Siler on their April birthdays. 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 showed April's block, a pieced attic window. Members keep their block of the month; however, they can bring the completed block to show Kathy for an entry in the meeting's raffle of the block of the month potholder. Betty Geisler won the April potholder. May's block is called "contrary wife." Kathy also gave some ideas for quick quilting of blocks; she showed quilt tops made from the BOM blocks. One of the quilts shown will be raffled in June.

Community Service – Harriette Siler noted that the guild has 20 completed community service quilts. She made and displayed kits for members who wish to make a quilt. She would also like you to come see the guild's stash of community service fabrics. She has a plentiful supply of fabric and batting available for your use, just give her a call.

E-news – June Henkel receives requests for E-news' notices about any guild or quilt related events. Both SHQG newsletter and E-news will show up in your email as JEEVES who is Brian Henkel.

Fall Retreat – Janice Carner is taking sign-ups and roommate choices for the fall retreat at Capon Springs. The cost for 4 days is \$405.00 (see Janice about the 3 day option); spaces remain, and sign-ups will be taken as late as the first week in September. The retreat will be opened to non-members at a future date.

Historian – Darlene Hull takes pictures of quilts for show and tell. She asks that you give your name; show your face above the quilt too, so that she has the information for the guild scrapbook.

Hospitality – Angela Owens thanked Harriette Siler, Elaine Stuckey, Paula Cacciatore, and Donna McDonald for providing refreshments for the meeting. She will send a reminder to those who have signed up for May's meeting.

Membership – Nancy Thyson welcomed our 4 new members: Gigi Dunn, Irma Getty, Frieda Brugges, and Sharon Clontz. She has copies of directions for our guild's name tag. She announced our visitor from Cabin Branch Guild, Michele Yaras.

Library Quilts – Betty Geisler noted that Rae Brady's quilt is hanging at Central Library for April; Karen Roberson's is scheduled for May.

Newsletter – Donna McDonald requests articles for the May Newsletter no later than April 25th.

Row by Row – Lynne Marsh announced that the next row is due in May which is also the month for the reveal.

Round Robin – Lynne Marsh announced that the round robin is triangles due at the May meeting.

Programs – Elaine announced the following programs: May – Janette Jackson on multiple patterns from a quilt block; June – Amanda Murphy, fabric designer; July – a slide show and ice cream social to be held in the Cornerstone Creations room; August – Bill Gatson on antique sewing machines; September and October to be announced (Bunny Jordan on Civil War quilts was suggested); November – Karen Sievert; December – trunk show from outgoing board was suggested, but not confirmed.

Sunshine and Shadows – Rae Brady noted that we are happy to see Sharon Clontz with us, but sorry to note that Becky Peyton is moving. Congratulations to Angela Owens on her upcoming wedding.

2011 Quilt Show – show chair Sandy Johnson announced that CD's of the show were available for \$3. She congratulated Sue Waters for her work in community theatre. Sandy presented gifts of thanks to the following volunteer committee chairs who gave so generously of their time, and without whom the show could not have been as successful:

Janet Scott, Darlene Hull and her husband, Lisa House, Betty Geisler, Harriette Siler, Lynne Marsh, Terri Taggart, Kary Heck, Donna McDonald, Carol Galaski, Karen Williams, Kathy McLaren, and Jeanne Endrikat.

She also noted that June will make available quilt labels for quilts in the show, and she also has labels for the story book quilts.

Raffle Quilt 2012 – Carol Galaski, Nancy Thyson and Karen Williams have been working on the quilt. They showed the beautiful completed top and the appliqué borders now in progress. They requested suggestions from members present for a charity to benefit from the sale of tickets for the quilt. The Alzheimer's Association, E. Carrington House, Matthew Center for Autism, and Breast Cancer were the suggestions. Members will vote in May for the designated charity.

Challenge Quilts 2012 – Michele Yaras, guest from Cabin Branch Quilt Guild, spoke on the proposed theme: 100th Anniversary of the Gift of the Cherry Trees. Quilts would reflect the events and history of the gift of the exchange of trees between Washington, DC and Japan. In 1912, Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo gave the city of Washington, DC 3,000 cherry trees. The gift and annual festival honor the lasting friendship between the United States and Japan and the continued close relationship between the two countries. In 1915, the United States Government reciprocated with a gift of flowering dogwood trees to the people of Japan.

Quilts could illustrate the Mikimoto Pearl Crown, the lantern walks, the National Kite Festival, kimonos, ikebana arrangements, sushi tasting, bonsai, taiko dance, drummers as well as the history of the trees and the festival. The quilts would be a celebration of the ongoing friendship between the United States and Japan as well as illustrate Japanese culture.

Show and Tell The following members showed quilts: Toni Mayo, Sharon Clontz, Eileen Moseley, Angela Owens, Carol Galaski, Paula Cacciatore, Harriette Siler, Lynne Marsh, Marjorie Marovelli, Kathy McLaren, Janet Scott, and Fran Berrios.

After the break for refreshments, members enjoyed time to socialize.

The actual meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Gibson, Secretary, on April 14, 2011

Volunteers Needed June 4th and 5th

The Stone House Quilters Guild will be participating in the Manassas Heritage Railway Festival by displaying vintage quilts and sewing items at the Manassas Museum. If you have a quilt or sewing items that you would like to display please contact Carol Galaski at Cgalaski@verizon.net

We also need members to sell raffle tickets on Saturday (10am-5pm), Sunday (10am-2pm), and to help take down the display on Sunday. If you have an hour or two open on these days please contact Carol.

Capon Springs Fall Retreat

Start looking for a project or two to bring to the Fall Retreat. We'll have the auditorium to use, so there will be plenty of room for designing your next blue ribbon winner, sewing on the binding of a large bed-sized quilt, or just piecing blocks for a new baby's arrival. Have your sewing machines serviced early for this four-day event, or just bring hand work. And, as always, other crafting projects are allowed. This is a time to relax and enjoy the company of quilters and the lovely grounds at Capon Springs.

See me for your retreat needs - Janice Carner Website: www.caponsprings.net

2012 Raffle Quilt:

Last month we discussed a charity for the proceeds of the 2012 raffle quilt that is being worked on. Following discussion, several nominees were recommended. Please come prepared to vote on our final selection for the 2012 charity at the May Guild meeting.

2011 Block of the Month

Betty Geisler's name was drawn at the April meeting for the Attic Window Potholder. May's block is called "Contrary Wife" and June's block is a "Friendship Star". If you should have any issues with the design, let me know. I tend to cut squares larger than the EQ7 rotary cutting guide says to piece my half-square triangles. It allows me to trim up the block to the right size after piecing. Kathy McLaren (sewhat@comcast.net)

May: Contrary Wife

- 2 qty: 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" Dark Fabric
- 3 qty: 2-1/2" X 2-1/2" Light Fabric
- 2 qty: 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" Medium and Medium Dark Fabric – cut on Diagonal to make half-square triangles. OR cut 2 qty: 3" x 3" Medium and Medium Dark Fabric – Mark Diagonal line on Light Fabric, Sew 1/4" seam on either side of marked line. Trim on line. Press toward dark fabric. Trim to 2-1/2" x 2-1/2". (Makes 4 qty half-square triangles.) *This block can be turned to make alternating designs.*

June: Friendship Star

- 4 qty: 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" Dark Fabric
- 1 qty: 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" Light Fabric
- 2 qty: 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" Dark and Light Fabric – cut on Diagonal to make 4 half-square triangles OR 2 qty: 3" x 3" Light Fabric and Dark Fabric – Mark Diagonal line on Light Fabric, Sew 1/4" seam on either side of marked line. Trim on line. Press toward dark fabric. Trim to 2-1/2" x 2-1/2". (Makes 4 qty half-square triangles.) *This makes a light star – you can reverse fabrics to make a dark star...*

In the larger sampler quilt, I used two Friendship Star Blocks and two Attic Window Blocks to create a design, which made me think of a flag waving in a breeze...

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. E-News articles should be single-spaced and with single spacing between paragraphs.

Thanks, June Henkel

Bus Trip???

Would anyone be interested in a Bus Trip? Hancock's of Paducah, KY is 12 hrs away and Keepsake Quilting in Center Harbor, NH is 10 hrs away. But how about something a little bit closer to home? We could plan our own Quilt Shop Hop adventure. Do you know any good places in PA or in MD? We could plan our own adventure and pick all the shops that we would enjoy. This is just an idea I'm proposing to the group, to see if I could spark enough interest to fill a tour bus. Let me know your thoughts and ideas via email.

Thanks, Donna e-mail: d_mcd@verizon.net

Community Service Quilts

Thanks to Karen Roberson for a baby quilt and Harriette Siler for a Rock N' Roller and a CASA quilt.

Harriette

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

May Featured Quilter: Karen Roberson

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.



Gina Derksen – May 9

Kathy McLaren – May 14

Susan Femino – May 24

Liz Sampson – May 12

Pat Dufresne – May 17

Beth Flores – May 27

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

**Next Meeting: May 9, at 7pm
Java Rock, 8730 Sudley Rd, Manassas VA**