



# Threads of Thought

A Quilter's Exchange

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## Thoughts From Elma

Fall has finally arrived as indicated by the falling leaves and falling temperatures. What a great time to hold that quilt in your lap to quilt it or to finish the binding. It's also time to be working on those creative gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Our very successful boutique reappeared at the American Sewing Guild Bazaar at the Richmond East Moose Lodge on November 18. You ladies created so many wonderful gifts for the boutique that there were still some to sell. Judy Nelson and her group of helpers from Piecemakers were at the Bazaar to complete the sales. Proceeds from this event will be added to those from the Quilt Show boutique and will be presented to Fisher House at the December Piecemakers' meeting. Congratulations and thanks to all who created items, purchased items or helped at the boutique.

As you know by now, although we had a wonderful quilt show, we did not make money on the event. The quality of workmanship was superb. Any who attended were impressed by the quilts. This event is held by our Guild every three years. A cadre of volunteers appeared on Friday to help hang quilts, on Saturday to help with running the event and on Sunday to take quilts down. It takes a large number of volunteers to 'pull off' an event such as this. The actual committee is a much smaller unit. The committee begins work at least a year in advance of the event. If we continue to have quilt shows, and I assume we will, we will be needing to form such a committee in a year or so. Please give serious consideration to volunteering for this committee when the time comes. The show is a wonderful way to reach the public and to work on our mission of education. It's also a great time of fellowship. In addition, I know of at least two chapters that have gained new members as a result of the quilt show. Just a reminder that Nominating Committees need to be at work. Slates of officers need to be posted in the February/March issue of *Threads of Thought*. (deadline for this issue is January 8) Hope you won't hesitate to volunteer if and when asked. Our Annual Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Southside Baptist Church on Ironbridge Road in North Chesterfield.

We are fast approaching another season of fellowship and good will. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, whether at home or away. Travel safely. You have my best wishes for the upcoming Holidays.

*Elma*

**Note: To underline Elma's comment** — the next issue of *Threads of Thought* should include the slates of officers for the Guild and each chapter. This will be in accordance with the by-laws requiring members' notification of candidates at least one month prior to the elections. The deadline for the January/February issue is January 8.

## Is This Yours?

When I brought home some of the Mid-Atlantic Challenge pieces from the quilt show, I found tucked in the pile this little ID tag. If it is yours, let me know and I'll get it back to you.

*Ann Shibut*



## Nancy Zieman Dies

We learned on Tuesday, November 14, of the death at age 64 of Nancy Zieman, host of PBS's "Sewing With Nancy" show since 1982. In September Nancy had announced her retirement two years after the diagnosis of osteosarcoma. With help, she continued recording programs during this time. Her final episode is called "I Sew For Fun" and will be aired in the future.

Nancy's programs in the early years focussed on sewing clothing, but more recently she included quilting techniques.

## Another Tip from an Old Magazine

To make the perfect, strong handle for a quilted bag wrap a strip of fabric around non-roll elastic and top-stitch it down both sides and in the center. You might want to turn under the edge that will be the top fold to eliminate any fraying and to give a neater look.

## Va Quilt Museum News

20% off on Sales at the Museum Gift Shop November 25 - December 16. This is a chance to get some money on holiday shopping. (This sale does not include consignment items)

Needs; The Museum always welcomes volunteers. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [vqmcoulunteer@gmail.com](mailto:vqmcoulunteer@gmail.com)

Shelving units are needed to provide better storage for the growing collection. If you can help, contact Gloria Comstock at [curator@vaquiltmuseum.org](mailto:curator@vaquiltmuseum.org)

If you will be in the Winchester area on December 3 the Museum will be holding a Comfort and Joy Quilt Turning Tea (similar to the one held in Richmond earlier this year) at the Grand Ballroom of the George Washington Hotel in Winchester 1-3 pm. Tickets \$40. for more information visit website VQM Events: Comfort & Joy Tea or purchase tickets at Eventbrite.

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# Chapter News

## Bits and Pieces

Bits & Pieces will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th at Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. We will have our annual holiday Potluck Dinner and NICU quilt drive. Feel free to bring a covered dish and, more importantly, bring yourself to share with our fellowship! Please bring any completed pillow cases, NICU quilts, and charity items. Don't forget Show n' Tell!



Bits & Pieces will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9th at Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. Anna Williams will provide a program with yet another quilt-as-you-go technique for quick quilts! Please bring any completed pillow cases and charity items. Don't forget Show n' Tell!

*Anna Williams*

## Crazy Quilters

Crazy Quilters meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church, corner of Atlee and Signal Hill Rds. Everyone is welcome.



The December 5th program will be our annual Holiday pot luck at 6:30 instead of 7:00. After eating sumptuous food, the program will be a Chinese Gift exchange. Please bring 1 yard of quality fabric in a paper bag. Everyone is then given a number which will permit them to select a bag. After each person selects their prize the next person has the opportunity to select a new gift or the "steal" one that is already opened. Those attending have a wonderful time laughing and "stealing" others finds.

The programs for 2018 are still being discussed. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a month to work on a program, either obtain a speaker or talk about a new technique.

*Bobbie Stein*

## Hospitality

In October Hospitality Chapter met for the first time at our new venue, Community of Grace Church at 2240 Cranbeck Road. Members are very pleased with this spacious room and ample parking .



On Dec.6 we are being challenged to put our creative talents to the test by creating an UGLY Christmas sweater/sweatshirt to wear at the meeting. Add some festive accessories and let's have some fun and some good laughs. Prizes will be awarded for the UGLY, UGLIER and UGLIEST voted on by secret ballot by attendees. All members are asked to bring a finger food to share and a Hot Chocolate Bar with all the fixings will be provided. Please note that we will also have the annual visit from the Christmas Mother, and all the charity quilts brought in December will be given to her to distribute throughout the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights area.

The New Year will bring programs with continued opportunities to increase our quilting knowledge with workshops for all skill levels. On Jan. 3 Barbara Carper will be our guest speaker. She is an accomplished quilter, professional educator and is a member of the Academy of Appliqué in Williamsburg. Barbara will teach a workshop following the meeting on Appliqué using her pattern called Montfort's Garden. You may sign up for the workshop at the December meeting. Information is on our website.

In October, Author/Quilter Barbara Cline lectured on Amazing Diamond Chains and later challenged and delighted participants with her workshop from In November Cheryl See showed her quilts with unbelievable detailed handwork and taught a workshop on Mirror Image Fusible Appliqué.  
*Sharon Gallegos*

# Chapter News

## James River

James River will meet on December 6th at Bon Air Christian Church starting at 6:30 pm with a pot luck dinner for Christmas.



We will have a representative from the ASK organization to receive all of our charity quilts that evening. The quilts will be given to children who receive cancer treatments at their location. We will have a ornament exchange and show and tell with a brief business meeting for December.

Our January 3rd meeting will be at the same location with refreshments starting at 6:45 pm and our program will start at 7 pm. Mr. Steve Cole will be showing us how to do maintenance on our featherweight sewing machines. Guest are invited, but please leave your machines at home. After our program we will have our business meeting and we always have a wonderful time at Show N Tell.

We look forward to the Holidays and celebrating Christmas with our families. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from James River Heritage Group.

*Lisa Adams*

## Kaffe Fasstt Came to Town

In October quilters and lovers of beautiful fabric were treated to a visit from noted quilt and fabric designer Kaffe Fassett. Following a delicious cocktail buffet he presented an entertaining lecture at the Glen Allen Fine Arts Center. The next day he offered workshops, and area quilt stores held special sales events featuring his products.

Local quilter/pattern designer Augusta Cole was one who enjoyed seeing Kaffe in person.



## Piecemakers

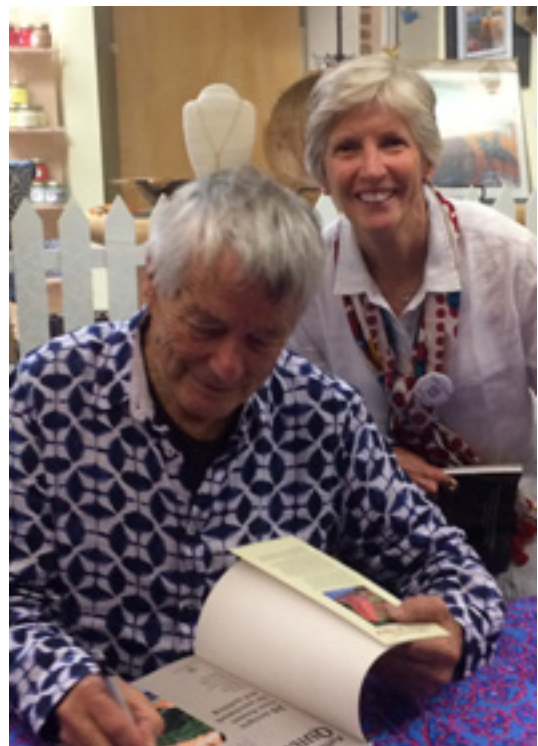
Piecemakers meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am



at the New Bethesda Church in Mechanicsville. The program for December 13th is our annual Christmas Party. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. Also, bring a handmade ornament to exchange with another member at the meeting. The program for January 10th will be a trunk show and lecture on Feed Sack Quilts. Please bring a Feed Sack quilt or other item to share at the meeting.

Piecemakers also meets the third Friday of each month from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the New Bethesda Church for a group sew day. In November chapter member Mary Noel will demonstrate a zipper cross body bag. Please plan to come and make one or come join us and bring whatever you want to work on.

*Tammy Weston, Program Chair*



## Richmond Quilters' Guild Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2017 Bon Air Christian Church, Richmond, VA

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Elma Cooper who welcomed all attendees. A quorum was established. Officers present were Elma Cooper, Debbie Quitiquit, Anne Wright, Brenda White and Ann Shibut. Chapters were represented by Marguerite Harkness, Bits and Pieces: Nancy Buckland and Dorothy Griffith, Hospitality: Liz Bradshaw and Lisa Adams, James River: Deb Bosse' and Bobbie Stein, Crazy Quilters: and Brenda White and Deborah Pinion, Piecemakers.

There was a correction to the minutes of August 6<sup>th</sup>. Under Spring Meeting, the address of Southside Baptist Church should have read 6000 Ironbridge Rd., Richmond, VA 23234. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers' Report was presented by Anne Wright showing regular checking account balance \$8,407.37, Quilt Show account balance of \$12,524.50 with a total balance of \$20,931.87. A total reconciliation for the Richmond Quilt Show is attached. The treasurers report was filed for audit.

### Chapter Reports:

**Bits and Pieces:** Marguerite Harkness reported their chapter has been busy with quilts for Lutherans, wheelchair bags, pillow cases for the Virginia Treatment Center for children. They've made over 2000 pillow cases.

**Crazy Quilters:** Bobbie Stein reported they had been very busy with the quilt show. They meet this Tuesday and plan to have a program on the 60 degree ruler by Tammy Weston. At this month's retreat they made charity quilts. They will continue to concentrate on their program with incarcerated youth. The Beaumont facility is now closed and inmates have moved to the Bon Air facility. Their display of quilts they've made, "We Are Somebody" will be shown at the Mid Atlantic Quilt Show.

**Hospitality:** Dorothy Griffith reported their new venue for club meetings on Cranbeck Rd. is working well. The growth of their chapter made this move necessary. Their patriotic quilts have been bound and delivered. In December the Christmas Mother will speak to their chapter and they are having an ugly t-shirt or sweater contest.

**James River:** Liz Bradshaw reported their November auction went well and earned over \$700 for their chapter. Some of the items they auctioned were pies, chocolate peanuts, sweatshirts, quilt kits, a gnome and a sewing machine. At their December meeting speaker will be from Cancer treatment center in Richmond. They will make donations at that time.

**Piecemakers:** Deborah Pinion reported that the Piecemakers Retreat held at Williamsburg Christian Center was enjoyed by the 15 members who attended. A total of 56 quilts have been made for charity and 16 NICU quilts. At September's meeting Tammy Weston showed how to make Christmas ornaments. In October their annual Trash to Treasure fundraiser was held netting over \$500. In December with the Christmas celebration the check from RQG will be presented to a representative for Fisher House.

### ***Special Committee Reports:***

#### \*Quilt Show:

Elma Cooper reported the attendees she spoke with at the Richmond Quilt Show gave her very positive feedback. The vendors were all delighted with their sales and some made their expenses on the first day. The cost of quilt show was higher than the income by \$3,525.98. However, we have raised over \$5,000 that will be donated to Fisher House. There were many RQG members and non-members attending. She felt we had succeeded in promoting quilts and love of quilting with the community. Bobbie commented on the loads of work many had done. Do we want to continue to have a quilt show? Will more people step up to be in charge. Everyone was asked to take these questions back to their chapter. We need more volunteers to take on jobs of responsibility. Any new ideas?

#### \*Program and Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting will be Saturday, March 10, 2017 at Southside Baptist Church, 6000 Ironbridge Rd., Richmond, VA 23234. Jim and Connie Thom pson will speak and present a trunk show about Amish Quilts. They plan to charge a fee of \$250 but will then donate that fee to a charity. Schedule is as follows but subject to change.

8:30 – 9:30 Registration, 9:30 – 10:30 Welcome, announcements, install officers, 10:30 – 12:00 Program, 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch. Round Robin classes afterwards.

Hospitality is working on favors to commemorate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It was decided to have members pre-register for the meeting so we will have a number to receive a gift and lunch.

Handle this by email to treasurer.

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(Board Minutes, continued)

\*Nominating committee

The nominating committee has been successful in filling the positions of Secretary and Program Chairman. They still need a Treasurer.

**Old Business:**

Website liaison: Each chapter has a representative. We need more news and information on this website. This site is viewed by outsiders and we want them to know what we're doing. Pictures are sent to Sandra. If you have ideas on how to improve let us know. Everyone needs to check out the website;

richmondquiltersguild.com

**New Business:**

***Tea and Quilts at Tuckahoe:***

We do not know if Tuckahoe Plantation will continue this but need to be prepared to answer. Ask the members if they're willing and interested in continuing this. Sign up members to divide the work load.

***Life Members:***

Chapters need to propose life member nominations to the board before the February board meeting so they can be brought before the members at the Spring Meeting.

Nancy Buckland asked for dates for the fall 2018, spring 2019, fall 2019 because commitments are handled so far in advance. It was suggested she use her own judgements when committing to speakers keeping in mind holidays ,conflicts, etc.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Brenda White*, Secretary, Richmond Quilters' Guild

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## **Comments From a Judge**

Once again it was my privilege to work with a judge, Deb Karasik, at the Richmond Quilters Guild Show. Since there are many quilters who are afraid to enter their works in the judged category, I wanted to pass on her comments to the members of the Guild.

After arriving as we walked to the site where she's be working she asked me why we had already hung the judged quilts. When I told her that these were not to be judged but were part of the show, she was very surprised. She commented that many of those she saw should have been in the judged category, that they were exceptional. Deb told me that our show was one of the best (outstanding) small shows she has seen. You all should be proud of yourselves.

She suggested that we have more categories in the judged section including :

1) A judges' choice award for the entire show, not just the ones she judged. The one she selected as best of show was in the judged category this time but that is not always the case.

2) Best use of color - again for the whole show.

Deb, as is true of most judges today, always praises the quilter. Their comments are never negative. They offer constructive criticism which is the quickest way to help us improve our art form.

PS from Editor: Bobbie also wanted you to know that the young men who entered their quilts in our show were very pleased with the recognition and inclusion. Who knows how their lives may be changed for the better thanks to learning to quilt!

*Bobbie Stein*

## **Stats and Winners at Quilt Show**

Thanks to Bobbie Stein, Mary Noel, and Polly Oliver for this information.

Total admissions: 859, including pre-pays and at the door = \$5605

Fisher House Boutique Sales: \$4980. (more than double from our last show!)

### **THE WINNERS:**

#### Judged Quilts

Pieced: 1st Place - Mary Ellen Clark, 'A Light From Within'

2nd Place - Cathy Fibich, 'How Does Your Garden Grow?'

3rd Place - Katia Simmons, 'Memories of a Time Past'

Honorable Mention - Bobbie Stein 'Japanese Fans'

Honorable Mention - Susan Jinette, 'Tis the Season'

Appliqued: 1st Place - Barbara Carper, 'The Caswell Quilt'

2nd Place - Barbara Carper, 'Little Red Basket'

3rd Place - Lyn Hubly, 'All Snug in Their Beds'

Honorable Mention - Margaret Griffiths, 'Wool Garden 1'

Innovative: 1st Place - Sandra Sims, 'Bird or Fiend'

2nd Place - Katia Simmons, 'Dress'

3rd Place - Sandra Sims, 'Hanging Out'

Honorable Mention - Linda Barker, 'Vanishing Point'

***Judge's Selection, Best of Show, Sandra Sims, 'Bird or Fiend'***

#### Viewers Choice

Wearables:

1st Place: 3-way tie, Margaret Burke - 'Dresses,' Mary Noel - 'Starry Starry Night',  
Diane Phillips - 'Patriotic Vest'

Quilts: 1st Place : Bettie Greenwood - 'Mark's Train'

2nd Place: 2-way tie, Kathy Boschen - 'Mermaid', Susie Rikard - 'Mariner's Compass'

*(It's interesting to note that 70 different quilts received at least one vote for Viewer's Choice. Many different quilts were admired and appreciated!)*

#### Vendors' Choice

Virginia Longarm Network - Sharon Gallegos, 'Metro Rings'

Quilters & Friends - Arie Brandon, 'Royal Star of Connecticut'

Quilting Adventures - L.R., 'Pyramid'

The Busy Bea - Linda Garland Cross, 'Petals of My Heart'

The Crazy Cousin - Susie Rikard, 'Mariner's Compass'

**Congratulations to all the winners! And a note of apology: The Viewers Choice and Wearables ribbons did not get pinned to the winning quilts. We will get them to you either at your chapter meeting or by mail.**

#### Gift Certificate Winners

Blue Crab Quilts - Diana Molnar and Dorothy Griffith

Busy Bea - Jeannie Pilant and Diane Phillips

Chadwick's - Janet Bettinger and Joann Hanna

Lib's Place - Kathy Boschen

Material Things - Anna Helms and Susan Jinnette

Millstone Quilts - Nancy Owens and Lynn Hubley

Quilter's Corner - Margaret Stokely and Linda Barker

Quilting Adventures - Carolyn Buckner and Marguerite Harkness

Rose Patch Creations - Ann Malcolmson

Stitch by Stitch - Lisa Adams and Karen Murray



Bobbie Stein congratulates one of the boys who displayed their quilts at our show.



Mr. Mitchell, in charge of the boys who have been learning how to quilt, watches as one of them tries his hand at a long-arm quilting machine.



Mr. Mitchell congratulates another of the young men who have dived into quilting in a big way, as shown by their wonderful quilt display at our show.

### Scenes from the October Quilt Show

