



Threads of Thought

A Quilter's Exchange

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From Elma

Summer has arrived! Of course, it seemed like April for a while with all that rain! Hope you got through the wet time without damage to home/cars, etc. There was surely a lot of grass to mow all of a sudden.

July is here and we're basically all in vacation mode. Some of us will be headed to fun places out of town and some will be hosting friends/relatives who are visiting. Regardless of your plans, I hope you enjoy this 'relaxed' period of the year.

Our demonstration of quilting/sewing techniques at Planters Day in Chesterfield did not happen. I received a call the day before from the person in charge saying that the event was being canceled because of the threat of severe weather. We were disappointed not to have that opportunity to share our skills with the public. However, they have offered us another opportunity for this at the 250th anniversary celebration of Eppington on **Saturday, October 6, 2018**. If you are interested in participating please let me know. *(Editor's note: In case you don't know, Eppington Plantation is the "crown jewel" of Chesterfield County historic homes. It was built circa 1768 by Frances Eppes VI, brother-in-law of Thomas Jefferson. The house is virtually the same today as it was over 200 years ago, with its Neo-Palladian style and the perfect proportions of its architecture.)*

Our Program Chair, Nancy Buckland, has been hard at work planning our Fall Meeting. On **Friday, September 21st**, Rita Verroca will provide an applique workshop for about 20 people. There will be a small charge for this event. You will need to provide your own lunch. Nancy will be asking you soon to register for this. On **Saturday, September 22nd**, Rita Verroca will present a trunk show for us. This will be followed by a fashion show from our own Richmond Quilters Guild members. This should be a great morning! Plan now what you might model (jacket, vest, purse, tote, etc.) Events both days will take place at Southside Baptist Church on Iron Bridge Road in Chesterfield (the same venue as our 2018 Annual Meeting). Times will be announced later. RQG Board members will furnish "nibbles" prior to the trunk show.

Hospitality Chapter will be sponsoring an exhibit of Fidget Quilts at the Chester Library in Chesterfield County October 1 – November 30. Hope you'll plan to attend. Contact Polly Oliver if you have questions. (Read more about this on page 2.)

Here's a reminder of the **RQG Board meeting on Sunday, August 19th** at 3:00pm at Bon Air Christian Church. If you are unable to attend, please ask someone to attend in your place.

A huge "Thank you" to all those volunteers who help to keep this amazing Guild prospering. Hope you each find some time to quilt during this warm, busy summer!

Elma

A Fidget Quilt Exhibit

The Hospitality Chapter will present "Focus on Fidget Quilts" at the Chester Public Library, 11800 Centre St, Chester, from October 1 through November 30. This exhibit will be part of the library's Brain Health Awareness program. The fidget quilts, all made and donated by Hospitality members, will be given to Alzheimer's of Richmond at the conclusion of the exhibit.

This will be a great opportunity to promote RQG, including a brief history, mission statement, and information on all of the chapter meetings. Our handy bookmarks listing all chapter meeting times and locations will be available to members of the public. We hope this will bring us all some new members, as well as giving the Guild a bit of publicity. Come on out and see the exhibit! (And remember, The Busy Bea is right down the street from the library! (;)



Example of a fidget quilt

Dates to Remember

August 19 RQG Board meeting

Sept. 10 - TOT news deadline

Sept. 21-22 - Fall Meeting events



Note: On the Chapter News page there is also no report from Crazy Quilters. Their meetings are at 7 pm on the first Tuesdays of the month at Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church on Atlee Road.

Hmmmm. Our new Directory on page 1 says that you must have a password to access the Members Only section. I thought we had gotten rid of a Members Only section as well as the password???

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Taking the Mystery out of RQG Membership

I've had some membership questions lately and want to explain our policies/procedures. Our fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 30 of each year. Therefore, membership dues are payable annually as of April 1. The Guild does not maintain a specific registration form because some chapters prefer more information than other chapters. A registration form should be obtained from your Chapter Treasurer. Monies, payable to that Chapter, should be turned in to the Chapter Treasurer when the completed registration form is turned in.

Each Chapter may set their own dues amount, including \$10.00 (\$8.00 for senior members) which is sent to the Guild Treasurer as an affiliation fee. If your dues are paid and the registration form provided to the Guild Treasurer by your May meeting, your registration information will be included in the Guild Directory. The Directory is an expensive but indispensable part of our Guild; but it is only printed once each year. If your information is not provided to the Guild Treasurer by mid-May, your name will not appear in the Directory. The Guild Treasurer does have some extra copies printed but once they have been distributed, you will have to wait until the next registration period to receive a Directory.

New members may join the Guild at any time during the year and will be included in the next printing of the Directory, assuming their dues are current.

Because your dues are paid to your Chapter, you belong to that chapter. Should you desire to join an additional chapter you will need to pay dues to that chapter also. No additional Guild affiliation dues will be collected by the additional chapter.

I hope this clarifies the membership process for those who were unclear of the procedure. If you have further questions, please contact me or check the by-laws on our website.

Elma Cooper

A Little Guild History

We are currently in one of public TV's seasons when its regular programming is interrupted for a series of specials spiced with interludes asking viewers to send money to support public TV. The opening minutes of many PBS shows cite family charitable trusts and/or companies that have helped fund them. I'll bet you didn't know or have forgotten that at one point the Richmond Quilter's Guild became one of these program sponsors.

In 1986 North Carolina quilter Georgia Bonesteel was having growing success with her Lap Quilting programs, and we were interested in having the series available here. We contacted CVET Corporation about the possibility of the Guild participating in the sponsorship of the next season of "Lap Quilting with Georgia Bonesteel."

My files contain a letter from Amy Chown, then Manager, underwriting/Special Events, thanking us for our "generous support." The Guild had sent them \$260, a goodly portion of our then relatively small bank account. In addition, each of our then four chapters voted to donate additional funds: Colonial Quilters in Colonial Heights, \$100, Friendship Circle, \$260, Hospitality, \$260, and James River Heritage, \$150. In recognition of this the Guild would receive on-air credits before and after each telecast, which would be a "positive way to promote the Richmond Quilter's Guild to a targeted audience of members or potential members." She added as a P.S., "I thoroughly enjoyed your guild's recent show at the Sheraton Park South. The quilts were truly works of art! I had a hard time choosing my favorite one."

The 13 programs of that series beginning on December 31, 1988, were aired on Channel 23 on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and repeated at a different time slot on channel 57. A press kit with camera-ready photographs and sheets describing the contents of each show remains in my files.

The photo of Georgia Bonesteel from the show press kit.



Chapter News

Bits & Pieces

Bits & Pieces will meet on Tuesday, August 14th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. Please join us for our annual summer potluck and fellowship gathering and feel free to bring a covered dish to share! Please bring any completed pillow cases and charity items. Don't forget Show n' Tell!



Bits & Pieces will meet on Tuesday, September 11th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. Our program host will be Sue Jinnette and the theme is Christmas Trees! Please bring any completed pillow cases and charity items. Don't forget Show n' Tell!

Anna Williams

James River Heritage

Since you heard news from the JRHQ in the June/July issue of TOT we have started a Mystery quilt and were able to send 22 quilts to ASK, where they were gratefully received.



The August 1 meeting at the Bon Air Christian Church will be an all day "sew in", starting at 10 and finishing with a pizza dinner for the participants. There will be no separate program at the meeting that follows dinner. The members will be given the second set of clues in the Mystery quilt that was started in June.

We look forward to Diana Vourron's program of September 5. She will present a program called "Not Your Grandmother's Quilts". JRHQ will be having another all day Quilt-In on September 15th from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. Mini classes, a quick Mystery quilt, drawings and door prizes are just a few things in store for the participants and we look forward to an exciting day.

Hope you all are having a great summer and are getting all your sewing caught up before the Fall.

Debbie Quitiquit

Piecemakers

At "press time" no news had been received from Piecemakers.



Their regular meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am at New Bethesda Baptist Church in Mechanicsville.

Hospitality

Hospitality Chapter did not meet in July, but the board members did not take a vacation. We were busy planning for our Christmas Bazaar that will be held during our December meeting time. Stay tuned for more details on the bazaar as the date draws near.



Hospitality Chapter meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Community of Grace Church, 2240 Cranbeck Road. Social time begins at 9:30 and the business and program start at 10.

Following the business meeting on August 1, we will have a walk down memory lane. Hospitality members are asked to bring any photo albums or other historical items related to the Hospitality Chapter to share with others. We have no place to store these items and we will dispense of these albums once members have taken any pictures or items that they may wish to keep. We will also have three members sharing tutorials on items that can be made for the December bazaar. We will need lots of items to sell and we are counting on every member to make items for this fundraiser. The proceeds of this sale will benefit ALL members allowing us to bring you excellent programs and workshops. Let's all support this worthwhile effort and make this bazaar a huge success. More details will be available in the Hospitality Hour newsletter.

On September 5, Phyllis Reeves, former owner of Patchwork Plus in Dayton, VA will be our guest speaker. Phyllis will be presenting a program on Deb Tucker rulers. Most of us probably have some of Deb's rulers and may not have yet used them or even remember their purpose. Phyllis will remind us just what we can do with those rulers, speeding up our projects and ensuring that we use the rulers to their full potential.

Sharon Gallegos