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## From Elma

Ladies, Spring has sprung! But where did it go? Already we're seeing summer temperatures. Not a comfortable time to be holding quilts on your lap to hand quilt, is it? But it's never too warm to catch up on some cutting and/or piecing. Hope you have a chance to do some sewing/quilting before we are really into the summer season.

Our Tea 'N Quilts at Tuckahoe was very successful. A huge "thank you" to Deborah Pinion and all of her assistants. I was unable to attend this year but have heard nothing but good things about the event! We look forward to doing it again next year. The biggest 'hang-up' with this event is hanging up the quilts.

Our next Guild event takes place on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Magnolia Grange in Chesterfield (10020 Iron Bridge Road). This Planters Day event focuses on trades and activities of farm life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We will be demonstrating quilting, of course. Hope you'll come join us.

If you have not already saved the date for our Fall Meeting, be sure to put it on your calendar now. On Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Rita Verroca will be doing an applique workshop (class). This will be limited to 20 people and will involve a small charge for each participant. On Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> she will provide us with a morning trunk show. The afternoon will include a variety of quilting activities. There is no charge for Saturday's events. More information to follow. You won't want to miss this so plan now.

In the meantime, . . . please share your patriotism. Have a memorable Memorial Day and an enthusiastic Independence Day celebration. Happy Quilting!

*Elma*

## VQM Welcomes New Director

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Quilt Museum is excited to announce that on April 17 the museum welcomed our new Executive Director, Susie Farmer. She has her M.A. in History from Western Kentucky University, with an emphasis on Women's History. She has worked at several small museums in Kentucky as well as with the National Park Service at different parks throughout the country.

Susie brings with her a wealth of experience in small museum management and a love of quilting. She is excited to be a part of the Virginia Quilt Museum and looks forward to being a part of the community here. Please stop by the museum and welcome her to the family.

## TOT Archive Now on Website

In a speedy response to my query, our Webmaster Marina has put an archive of *Threads of Thought* newsletters on the website. It now contains all the 2018 issues to date and will be maintained so that if you wish to refer to earlier issues they can be accessed at our website.

If you need to find something in an older issue your editor is the resource for that. I have a file of every issue of TOT since the founding of the Guild. That's quite a pile! I can always scan an earlier issue if you need it... just let me know.

## Va Quilt Museum News

On May 22 new exhibits open at VQS... something for everyone:

**Beyond the Valley** (based on the Valley Botanical. These pieces reflect an American folk art quilt that depicted the botanicals of the Shenandoah Valley just before the Civil War.

**Fly Me To the Moon** Artists from eight countries created 179 art quilts celebrating man's first walk on the moon.

**Treasures from the Vault.** Quilts accessioned in 2017 representing several areas of Virginia.

**Small Botanical Sentiments.** Inspired by applique quilts these small pieces each reference its conception and identity to the original quilt which inspired it.

These exhibits will be on view until September 8.

## Va Quilt Museum Event

On May 6 the Virginia Quilt Museum again came to Richmond at a tea/luncheon at the Westin Hotel with museum curator, Gloria Comstock presenting a program entitled "I Live in a Closet. What Will Happen To Me?" After telling the stated standards for quilts at the museum, she described how offered quilts are selected and how they are treated once there, sometimes using a genealogist to help dig out details of its history and restorers for any needed repairs or specialized care. Museum staff had also brought several quilts to share.

This was the second effort of the Museum to bring quilt information and entertainment to Richmond, and unfortunately too few of us are taking advantage of these special opportunities. It was suggested that earlier and more widespread publicity might improve turn-out.

**Deadline for the August  
September issue of TOT:  
July 9**

## A Quilter Friend Shares

I recently traveled to Ireland with a group of crafters one of whom was Pat O'Leary from the Boston area. It turns out that she had once taken a class from Richmond's Augusta Cole, so that helped establish a friendship and she has been sending items and photos of interest since we returned to our homes.

Evidently quilter Victoria Findlay Wolfe spoke to her Guild on May 5, and Pat thought these highlights from her talk were worth sharing:

1. Polka Dot fabric is a two-color solid
2. Think about the things you buy all the time; then buy the opposite. Working with it will yield creativity.
3. Give away a quilt for every one you finish.

*Ann Shibut*

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## RQG Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2018 3:00PM Bon Air Christian Church, Bon Air, VA

President Elma Cooper welcomed members and routed an attendance sheet; a quorum was confirmed.

Elma handed out a chapter roster to a chapter representative (showing their membership on March 10, 2018) for distribution of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins. There were 306 members in the Guild.

Membership cards were also distributed to ultimately go to the chapter treasurers for 2018-2019 memberships. After introductions of those present the minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the *Threads of Thought*. In the absence of the treasurer, the annual meeting treasurer's report was submitted.

Chapter reports were provided as followed

-Bits & Pieces – Sue Cook – Recent programs include a quilt-as-you-go technique with foundation piecing as an upcoming program - charity projects continue including pillowcases/NICU quilts/Lutheran ministry – funding continues for the chapter's fleece project

-Crazy Quilters – Deb Bosse – Have been making bowls and pea pod bags – next month Lee Taylor will present a program "What's your Angle"

-Hospitality – Dorothy Griffith – Kudos were expressed from the meeting attendees to Hospitality Chapter on a very nice annual meeting they hosted – they did a lovely job. Dorothy reported that they have been working on quilts for the visually impaired (36x36 with texture and a black backing). Nancy Buckland will be presenting an upcoming workshop and the group is working on quilts for boys. Shannon Shirley's quilt labels program is up-coming and June will be a program on special effects and quilting.

-James River – Liz Bradshaw – JRH has already started working on table favors for the next spring meeting. Debbie Quitquit will be providing a program this month on hand quilting and Shannon Shirley will be at JRH us with her book on quilt labels

-Piecemakers - Deborah Pinion - In January and February, PM made 29 quilts for St Mary's along with 500 toiletry bags

Special Committee Reports

-Spring Meeting 2018 had about 85 attendees and the program was very interesting

-Tea at Tuckahoe – tickets and posters are available today - tickets can be bought from guild members and will also be sold online. You will need to have a ticket even if you are working. One person from each chapter is responsible for quilts getting the quilts to Tuckahoe to be hung. Volunteers are needed for cooking, setup (10-2), takedown and to work during the event. A donation of sweets is also needed from each chapter; finger food like a bundt cake, a pound cake or cookies. St. Matthew's church is set to host the sandwich making on Saturday. We will also have demonstrations of hand work with a hoop set-up. An email will go out if the event has to be moved to the rain date. Food can be dropped off on Saturday. Also the raffle quilt needs binding and Deborah Pinion is looking for a volunteer. Deborah Pinion is also bringing the Wonky House quilts from the Hampton Quilt Show challenge to hang at Tuckahoe. Chapters are asked to bring a quilt stand if they have one.

-Fall Meeting – Rita Verroca (applique) has been booked for a 6 hour workshop on Friday, September 21; she can teach roughly 20 people at approximately \$35/person; Saturday will be a trunk show in the morning and then an afternoon fashion show of Guild members creations (jackets, purses, etc). Morning snacks will be by the board members. There was discussion about a potluck lunch the meeting, which will be at Southside Baptist, and Nancy Buckland opinion is needed concerning lunch.

-Lifetime Members Quilt - The quilt has run out of room to add new names; one suggestion is to add the names on the back, another suggestion is to add a border. The quilt will be looked at and then the decision made in time for the spring meeting next year.

-Spring Meeting 2019 - Nancy Buckland will set the date.

-The next board meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Other Business

-Elma was excused and the Board went into closed session for a few minutes.

-Members were reminded that articles for *Threads of Thought* are due the second Monday of the month.

-Planters day at Magnolia Grange is also upcoming and the Guild has been invited to participate. The date is June 2nd from 10 am to 4 pm; please let Elma know if you can volunteer. They are looking for demonstrations of hand quilting and techniques that would have been popular in the 1800s.

-Also there is a yard sale at Quilters Corner on April 14th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lee Kallusch has a spot reserved that she cannot use; if you would like to use her spot please reach out to Lee.

The meeting then adjourned.

Anne C. Wright, Secretary

# Chapter News

## Piecemakers

At “press time” no news had been received from Piecemakers chapter. Their regular meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am at New Bethesda Baptist Church in Mechanicsville.



## Crazy Quilters

Crazy Quilters will meet on Tuesday June 5th, at 7pm at Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church. Linda Barker will be demonstrating Folded Stars.



The July 3rd meeting is cancelled due to the Fourth of July.

*Katia Simmons*

## Hospitality

Hospitality Chapter meets for social time at 9:30 on the first Wednesday of the month at Community of Grace Church, 2240 Cranbeck Road. Social time begins at 9:30 am followed by the business meeting at 10:00 am. Each month a program is presented and Show & Tell from members follows the business meeting. Visitors are welcome.



In June, we have an exciting program on color theory and quilt design to be presented by Ricki Selva. Following the lecture Ricki will teach a workshop on the Split Diamond Star, a sparkling one-patch quilt with three-dimensional illusion. Ricki's website can be found at [rickiselva.com](http://rickiselva.com)

We take a vacation in July... celebrate the 4th!

*Sharon Gallegos*

## James River Heritage

Spring has sprung and the chapter is busy quilting and learning new techniques. We were involved in the Victorian Day in Bon Air on May 10th, and are looking forward to Planters Day on June 2nd. I hope you have a great Mother's Day.



On June 6 we will be back at Bon Air Christian Church at 7 pm, and the program will be a “Mystery.” The members will share their Mystery quilts, and receive the first installment of instructions for our new Mystery Quilt. Bring your ASK quilts to turn in at this time.

In July there will be no meeting as it will be the 4th of July.

The May meeting was enjoyed by the all as Shannon Shirley shared numerous ideas for creative labels and her trunk show was fantastic. (Squares of muslin with my name and date pale in comparison). Her friend Vania Root of Creative Cottage took orders and made vinyl monograms for members.

*Debbie Quitiquit*

## Bits and Pieces

Bits & Pieces will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 12, at Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. Our program will be “Crazy Quick Block” with Stephanie Edmondson. Please bring any completed pillow cases and charity items. Don't forget Show n' Tell!



Bits & Pieces will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, at Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. Our program is to be announced! Please bring any completed pillow cases and charity items. Don't forget Show n' Tell!

*Anna Williams*

# Don't Forget the June 1 Bus Trip!