



# Threads of Thought

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## Thoughts From Elma

Ladies, if you were not present at Southside Baptist Church on Saturday for our Annual Spring Meeting, you missed a delightful presentation by Jim and Connie Thompson about Amish Quilts. Jim presented a Power Point program briefly outlining the history of Amish Quilts. That was followed by Connie showing of some of the Amish quilts in their collection. During the afternoon everyone had an opportunity to cut their fabric according to patterns available for a variety of Amish quilt blocks. Lunch was delicious and served graciously. Thank you to Linda Dunn for planning the program, to Lee Kallusch for overseeing the lunch (and sharing her unique centerpieces) and to the ladies of Hospitality for their well-orchestrated planning and implementation of the event.

How nice it was to have Ruth Ann Puckett in attendance. She is a **charter member** of Richmond Quilters Guild. I believe she has been a continuing member through all forty years of our existence as a Guild.

Our next major event will be **Tea 'N Quilts at Tuckahoe** on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (rain date May 6<sup>th</sup>). Deborah Pinion is spearheading this. A raffle quilt is under construction at this moment. We have pictures of the blocks at our meeting on Saturday. Raffle tickets will be sold at our Chapter meetings and at Tuckahoe Plantation on the day of the event. Tickets (\$20.00) are available at [www.eventbrite.com/e/tea-quilts-at-tuckahoe-tickets-42275923425](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/tea-quilts-at-tuckahoe-tickets-42275923425). We will also have them available through the Guild but I don't have that information at this time. This project has proved financially advantageous for our Guild in the past and we hope it will be again this year.

Deborah and her committee are asking you to offer quilts for this show, queen size or smaller. Each chapter has also been asked to furnish a pound cake, a Bundt cake, small muffins, tea cookies and to volunteer 'womanpower'. I am sure you will be hearing from Deborah! Her number is 804-730-4862.



It's snowing as I write this. Our daffodils and forsythia are blooming so spring cannot be far away. Many of you will soon be out 'digging in the dirt' to plant your flowers and gardens. Quilting may be set aside for a short time but I know that won't last for long. Happy Spring!!

*Elma*

(See pictures from the Spring Meeting on pages 9 and 10. )

**Special Board Meeting March 10, 2018 Southside Baptist Church Richmond, Virginia**

The meeting was called to order by Elma Cooper who thanked all attendees for coming in early. A quorum was established. Officers present were Elma Cooper, Debbie Quitiquit, Anne Wright, Linda Dunn, Sharon Gallegos, and Brenda White. Chapters were represented by Bits and Pieces, Susan Cook; Hospitality, Sandy Collins and Polly Oliver; Crazy Quilters, Bobbie Stein; Piecemakers, Barbara Berlin; and James River, Lisa Adams and Liz Bradshaw.

We were called together to discuss liability insurance before the Spring Meeting. Polly Oliver reported that the cost of coverage with Hartford Insurance was increasing from \$500 a year to \$550. Her insurance agent had given her a quote from CNA Insurance for \$450 per year. It offered the same liability coverage with additional off premises and theft coverage. Sharon Gallegos moved we change our liability insurance policy to CNA. The motion was approved.

Elma Cooper reported that the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins she'd ordered to be given out today had not come in. The factory had shut down for Chinese New Year slowing production. Since these were to be given out to Spring meeting attendees. 150 pins had been ordered at a cost of \$400. Susan Cook moved we order an additional 150 pins so they can be given to all RQG members(as of today) in commemoration of RQG's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The additional cost is \$400. The motion was approved.

Nancy Buckland discussed ideas for the RQG fall meeting. She had spoken to Rita Verroca, an international teacher who has recently moved to Colonial Beach. Rita teaches applique and designs quilts around patriotic events in the United States such as the Declaration of Independence and Boston Tea Party. She charges \$450 for a trunk show and an additional \$650 for a workshop. We discussed doing a workshop on Friday, Sept. 21 and a trunk show on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. At our workshop we will have another activity for those not interested in applique. Anne Wright moved we sign up Rita Verroca for the fall meeting and workshop. The motion was approved.

The nominating committee reported their candidate for Treasurer had dropped her name from consideration. They presented Shaun Kaiser as the new candidate for Treasurer of RQG.

Elma handed out membership forms to everyone if we want to use them in our chapters.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Brenda White, Secretary*

**Many Minutes**

There are several minutes printed in this issue...those from the February Guild Board meeting, the special Board meeting on March 11, and the Spring Meeting minutes. These are printed so that every member knows what is going on and how we are spending your money. Don't skip over them.... be an informed Guild member!

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## RQG Spring Meeting Minutes - Southside Baptist Church - March 10, 2018

The annual spring meeting of the Richmond Quilters' Guild was called to order by Elma Cooper. Elma welcomed all members and guests. This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RQG. Elma recognized an original charter member, Ruth Ann Pucket and presented her with flowers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in TOT.

Anne Wright presented a copy of the Treasurers' report and the proposed budget 2018-2019. A copy is attached. Dee Klotz moved we approve the Treasurers report. The motion was approved. Linda Dunn moved we approve the budget as proposed. This motion was approved.

**Lifetime Members:** The following members were nominated for lifetime membership:

Sherry Whitford (presented by Linda Barker, Crazy Quilters)

Anne Wright (presented by Linda Thompson, James River Heritage Quilters)

Both ladies were recognized for their dedication, experience and overall commitment to their chapters and RQG and they were accepted as Lifetime Members..

**Chapter Reports:** Each chapter submitted their reports for the past year showcasing a total of 17,881 volunteer hours with charitable donations of 764 quilts of varying size, 59 NICU quilts and 110 NICU hats, 200 drawstring bags, 134 dog beds, 201 pillow cases and 39 breast cancer pillows. **Standing Committee Reports :**

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2018-2019.

Anne Wright, Secretary, Nancy Buckland, Program Chairman, and Anne Wright nominated Shawne Kaeser for Treasurer Those nominees were approved and installed as officers.

**Special Committee Reports:**

Tuckahoe Tea & Quilts – April 29 is the date set with May 8 as a rain date. Deborah Pinion is chairperson for this event. She and members of her chapter have been making blocks for a raffle quilt for that event. Tickets are on sale today for \$1 each, 6 for \$5. Pictures of the blocks are on display.

Fall Meeting – Nancy Buckland announced she is considering booking Rita Verroca, an incredible applique teacher for the event which is held the Sept. 21 & 22. We would have a workshop on Friday and trunk show and meeting on Saturday. Rita's web address is [www.ritaverrocaquilts.com](http://www.ritaverrocaquilts.com)

**Old Business**

Elma Cooper reported that the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins she had ordered for today did not come in. The factory had shut down for Chinese New Year. The board voted to order an additional 150 pins so when they arrive they can be given to all RQG members as of 3/10/18. Cost of these additional pins is \$406.50.

Audit committee is Brenda White, Liz Bradshaw, and Elma Cooper.

**New Business-there was no new business**

**Announcements**

Bobbie Stein said she had received a large amount of fabric from Doris Flaherty, a Hoffman distributor. She brought some of it to the meeting today and attendees were encouraged to take some home.

The RQG Lifetime Members wall hanging quilt is on display at today's meeting. Since there is no room for more names. Elma asked for a volunteer to digitize the design at the top for a new quilt to recognize future lifetime members.

Elma Cooper said chapters should have their reports for *Threads of Thought* sent to Ann Shibut by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each odd month.

Some of the old RQG scrapbooks are on display for everyone to view.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Augusta Cole introduced our speakers, Jim and Connie Thompson. They will present a trunk show with some incredible Amish quilts. There will be a workshop on making several Amish blocks this afternoon. For everyone signed up there is a yard of black fabric and several solid colors if needed. Jim and Connie donated their fee for today's program to the Foundation for Sustainable Forests, Spartansburg, PA.

Before the program, we broke for a delicious lunch with 2 beautiful cakes commemorating RQG's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*Brenda White, Secretary*

# Chapter News

## Bits and Pieces

Bits & Pieces will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10th 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!

Bits & Pieces will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8th at Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. Donna Booth and Marguerite Harkness will provide a program on paper piecing. Class supply list will be provided at the April meeting. Please bring any completed pillow cases and charity items. Don't forget Show n' Tell!

*Anna Williams*

## James River Heritage

James River Heritage chapter meets at the Bon Air Christian Church on the first Wednesday of the month. We start with refreshments at 6:45 and the meeting begins at 7 PM.



A huge thanks to Becky Brown for the wonderful program in March. She delighted the members with her many quilts, the information about Barbara Brackman and Civil War quilts.

On April 4th Debbie Quitiquit will be leading a hands-on demo on the Folded Log Cabin. Please join us for a fun night and learn a new technique for making a very traditional block. (scissors and thimble are needed) May 2nd program TBA at a later date as this program is in its early stage.

We look forward to our new calendar year with expectations of learning from the many talented members of our chapter, a mystery quilt and our first retreat in the fall.

*Debbie Quitiquit*

## Hospitality

Hospitality Chapter meets at 9:30 on the first Wednesday of the month at Community of Grace Church, 2240 Cranbeck Road. Social time begins at 9:30am followed by the business meeting, [program, and Show and Tell at 10:00am. Visitors are welcome.



Our April meeting will allow us to spend time quilting with a charity sew time instead of our regular program. We will split into groups working on fidget quilts for Alzheimer's patients, patriotic quilts for veterans, or baby quilts for local NICU units..Come prepared with your sewing machine, sewing supplies, and fabric for the type of quilts that you wish make. Also bring a power strips and extension cord. We will have cutting and ironing stations for everyone to share. You may bring your own charity quilts to work on if you prefer. Many hands make light work and as a group we can make great progress for these wonderful charities. We will sew until 2pm so please bring a bagged lunch. If you have any questions call either Karen Murray or Sharon Gallegos.

Do you finish your quilt with a sigh of relief and move on to the next project? Have all your creative ideas gone into the quilt and there's nothing left to inspire you to make a label for it? I believe that a quilt is not finished until you have made and attached a label. Never fear, in May we will welcome Shannon Shirley for a lecture entitled, "Let's Get Creative with Quilt Labels." Shannon will educate us on the reason for labels while also showing us many different types that we can use to add the right finishing touch. A label not only records the maker's information but can also include other pertinent details You will leave inspired to add those labels before that quilt is gifted or used at home.

*Sharon Gallegos*

# Chapter News

## Crazy Quilters

Crazy Quilters' April 3rd meeting is at 7 pm at Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church. Pam Bowen will be giving a demonstration of Pea Pod Bags.



Our retreat is Thursday April 12 - Saturday April 14th.

May 1st meeting begins at 6:30 pm with refreshments. Lee Taylor from "So Lovely" in Whitestone, VA, will present a program titled "What's Your Angle?" Other groups are invited.

Our retreat is Thursday May 10- Saturday May 12.

*Katia Simmons*

## Piecemakers

The Piecemakers chapter of the Richmond Quilt Guild meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the New Bethesda Baptist Church in Mechanicsville. Social time starts at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.



The program for April is Hand Dyed Fabric presented by Susan Guthrie. She will demonstrate how to dye fabrics with one, two, or three colors. Additionally, Susan will bring unique hand dyed fabric for sale so bring \$\$\$.

The program for May will be our annual Trash to Treasure sale. This is an opportunity for everyone to go thru their quilting supplies, tools, books, patterns and fabric and get rid of things you no longer need or want or "wonder why you bought it". Bring it in someone else will love it and just have to have it. All proceeds go to the guild chapter to help fund programs.

Reminder: Each month on the third Friday there is an open sew day for all chapter members to come and sew on whatever you want and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. It is a great opportunity to get to know more of your guild members. Hope to see you there. Sewing starts at 9:30 a.m. *Tammy Weston*

## Va. Quilt Museum News

The museum opened its 2018 season on February 20 with several interesting exhibits. Gallery I features "Hollis Chatelain - Stories of West Africa." Most of us have seen photographs of some of Hollis Chatelain's prize winning pictorial quilts of African subjects, and here is your chance to see some of her works in person. Her goal for the exhibit is "to encourage cultural understanding and educate viewers about ... Africa."

In coordination with that, Galleries I, II, and III show "African American Quilters: Stitching Our Stories in New and Traditional Expressions." Galleries A and B, curated by Paula Golden, shows textiles of Africa, with diverse designs and history.

As if that weren't enough, see "Treasures from the Vault: Itty Bitty Pieces of Paper." (notes which accompanied some quilts donated to the museum, and "Wrapoped in History: The Search for Virginia Quilts and Quiltmakers: The Jenny and David Powers Collection"

Something for everyone! Head up to Harrisonburg to see for yourself.

*Ann Shibut*



"I See A Star," by Candra Parker of Glen Allen.



**Richmond Quilters' Guild Board Meeting Feb. 10, 2018 Bon Air Christian Church, Richmond, VA**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Elma Cooper who welcomed all attendees. A quorum was established. Officers present were Elma Cooper, Debbie Quitiquit, Brenda White and Ann Shibut. Chapters were represented by Susan Cook, Bits and Pieces; Linda Dunn, Ann Shibut, and Lee Kallusch, Hospitality; Deb Bosse', Crazy Quilters; Deborah Pinion, Piecemakers; and Liz Bradshaw, James River.

The minutes were accepted as published in Threads of Thought.

In the absence of the Treasurer, no treasurers report was given.

Chapter Reports:

Bits and Pieces: The members learned to make a Nova quilt from the book Scrap Basket Quilts. It is a quick quilt project made with 2 ½ inch strips. This month they're working on their fleece project that has been a joint project with the Ruritans. The Ruritans have given \$500 so far to fund pillow forms and are expected to provide an additional \$500. The pillows go to the Massie Cancer Center. Anne Wright was in charge of the last meeting which was a movie.

Crazy Quilters: Phyllis Mondak, owner of Quilting Adventures spoke in January regarding the work that goes into a Quilt Market. Patty Hall gave the program in February. She is director of Hanover Safe Harbor where Crazy Quilters donate many of their charity quilts. In March Sherry Whitford is giving a program called, "Let's Go Bowling".

Hospitality: February meeting featured Anna Helms from Chadwick's who presented a program on the use of Kaffe Fassett fabrics. In March, Stephanie Edmondson will give a demonstration of disappearing blocks, to include disappearing 4-Patch, 9-Patch, Pinwheel, and Hourglass.

James River: Steve Cole spoke to the chapter in January on Singer Featherweight maintenance. Feb will be a program on 18<sup>th</sup> Century fabric dyeing presented by Becky Blake. March meeting will be presented by Becky Brown who will talk about Civil War era fabric.

Piecemakers: In December 32 blankets and 34 hat and scarves were donated to Hanover Adult Center. The January program was a lecture and trunk show about Feed Sack quilts. Elaine Kelley is presenting the February program, a demonstration on making fabric baskets. In March the program is a Charity Challenge called the "One Yard Exchange Charity Challenge". In March members are bringing in draw string bags for toiletries to be sent to an Indian Reservation.

Special Committee Reports:

Spring Meeting: The annual spring meeting will be held Saturday, March 10, 2018 at South Side Baptist Church, 6000 Iron Bridge Road, Richmond, VA 23234. The speaker will be Jim and Connie Thompson and the topic is Amish Quilts. The daily schedule, description of the program, and sign up sheet are published in Threads of Thought. Nancy Buckland is opening the church at 1:00 on the Friday before to set up. The center pieces, name tags, and favors are all finished and ready. Each chapter will have a table to display whatever they choose.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee will present the following slate of officer at the Spring Meeting: Secretary, Anne Wright: Treasurer, Jennifer Johnson: Program Chairman, Nancy Buckland. Nancy can appoint a committee to help her with her duties.

Old Business:

Life Time Members: Lifetime member nominees are Anne Wright and Sherry Whitford. These nominees were approved by the board.

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(February Board Minutes, continued.)

New Business:

Finance Committee members will be Anne Wright, Jennifer Johnson, and Carolyn Lee.

Audit Committee will be Brenda White, Liz Bradshaw and Elma Cooper. The board voted to order 150 guild pins commemorating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The cost of the one inch pin is \$2.71 each.

The Lifetime Member quilt is full of names. The board discussed re-organizing the names or making a new member quilt that should be sufficient for several years. Our chapters were asked to think about these choices and look around for someone capable of digitizing the information embroidered at the top of the quilt.

Tuckahoe Tea and Quilts. This will be held at Tuckahoe Plantation on April 29<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM. Ticket cost is \$20 each. Of this cost, \$2 goes to RQG and \$1 for the raffle goes also to RQG. Only 150 tickets will be sold. This will cover a tour, tea and refreshments, and an entry in the quilt raffle. Anyone wanting to display a quilt call Deborah Pinion. Quilts should be queen size or less. Each chapter should have a representative to receive quilts and deliver them back to the makers. Each quilt label should have the quilters name, the quilters chapter, and the name of the quilt.

All quilts and refreshments would be turned into your chapter by Saturday morning, April 28, 2018.

Deborah Pinion and chapter members are working on a raffle quilt. It is called Stars and Pinwheels.

Fall Meeting :The fall meeting is put on by the RQG officers. Nancy Buckland will be program chairman. We were asked to think of ideas for program, refreshments, speakers etc.

The next RQG board meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at Bon Air Christian Church.

*Brenda White, Secretary*



Shown at left: the Amish blocks suggested at the Spring Annual Meeting "Circle the Wagons" workshop. From top to bottom, left to right: 9 Patch Diamond in a Square, Double Nine Patch, Square in a Square, Roman Stripe, various colors, Roma Stripe two color, 9 Patch Diamond in a Square, and, 8 Point Star.

Didn't get to the spring meeting, didn't pick up or have lost the cutting sheets? Here are the details.

### **“Circle the Buggies” Amish Quilt squares**

All squares finish at 12.5 inches and have a 2 inch border (Cut at 2.5 inches). You can change any of the dimensions to suit your design. Use one, two or all squares to make the project of your choice. The use of black with bright solids make the solid colors glow!

#### **Roman Stripe**

colors of your choice, random or alternating both work well.

Cut 9 strips of colored fabric 1.5 inches X 9.5 inches

black for borders

2 strips 2.5 inches x 9.5 inches

2 strips 2.5 inches x 12.5 inches

#### **9 Patch diamond in a square**

Cut strips 2.5 inches by width of fabric, 3 of black and 3 of color of your choice.

Sew 3 stripes together with black on the outside and 3 with color on the outside.

Press seams and cut into 6.5 inch squares.

Cut 2: 5 1/4 inch squares and cut these diagonally for the setting triangles.

black for borders

2 strips 2.5 inches x 9.5 inches

2 strips 2.5 inches x 12.5 inches

#### **Double 9 patch**

Cut 1: 1.5 inch strip width of fabric in both color and black. Arrange in 9 patch with the color on the outside 4 corners.

Cut 4: 3.5 inch squares in black

Arrange as a 9 patch with small 9 patches in the 4 corners and center.

black for borders

2 strips 2.5 inches x 9.5 inches

2 strips 2.5 inches x 12.5 inches

#### **8 point star**

Cut a 2 inch strip for star using color of your choice. Cut one end at 45 degrees and using that cut edge, cut 8 - 2 inch diamonds. or, you may use the template provided.

Cut 4 2.5 inch squares from black for the setting corners.

Cut 2 - 2 7/8 inch squares in black and cut once on the diagonal to make 4 setting triangles.

From colors of your choice, cut 4 inner borders 1 1/8 inch x 7 1/4 inch and 4 border squares, 1 1/8 x 1 1/8 inch. When sewing the diamonds and the setting squares and triangles, stop each seam 1/4 inch from the edge for ease of piecing.

black for borders

2 strips 2.5 inches x 9.5 inches

2 strips 2.5 inches x 12.5 inches

#### **Square in a Square**

Center block—Cut 1: 5 3/4 x 5 3/4 inch square

Triangles around the center square: Cut 4: 4 5/8 inch (side measurements of triangle)

Corner squares:—Cut 4: 3 inch squares

Border strips:—Cut 4: 3 inch by 8 inch rectangles





Workers at the Registration Table greet Spring Meeting attendees.



Marion Reece and Lee Kallusch confer in kitchen about the refreshments.

**All meeting photographs  
courtesy of Betty Barbour.**



Speakers Jim and Connie Thompson discuss one of their Amish quilt being held by Nancy Buckland and Anna Helms.



Looking into the kitchen across the groaning snack/beverage table.



James River Heritage Quilters' display table



Dee Klotz and Ann Shibut pose for the photographer.



Liz Bradshaw pauses by the Hospitality display table