



Threads of Thought

A Quilter's Exchange



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From Elma

The weather finally indicates that Fall is truly here! Hope you're adjusting well to the change in temperature.

I want to remind you that the Fidget Quilt Show at Chester Library is open through November 30th. If you have not seen this display, please put it on your calendar to attend. This has been a very successful display and outreach to the community. Our demonstration of hand work was much appreciated at Eppington Plantation. I was amazed at the number of people that attended this event on such a hot day in October. We answered numerous questions and enjoyed a lot of one-on-one conversations about quilting and sewing, in general.

We covered many important topics at our recent Board meeting, including the decision to have a Quilt Show in 2020. A Quilt Show Chairperson has not yet been named. Check the Board minutes elsewhere in *Threads of Thought* for other topics covered in the meeting.

We are approaching a very busy time of year for most of us. We have Thanksgiving in just about a week as I write this and then a variety of Holidays in December. Many of you will be making gifts and/or preparing special meals or treats. Take time to enjoy your family and friends. They are a big part of this season. I wish each of you a very special Holiday season whether at home or away.

In Memoriam: Life Member Lillian Earhart

With sadness we note the passing of Life Member Lillian Earhart on October 14, 2018. Lillian was an active member of both Piecemakers and Hospitality Chapters of the Guild. She often served in a variety of officer positions in Piecemakers, in particular. She was elected to Life Membership in 2007.



Quilting at Eppington. From left to right Katia Simmons, Elma Cooper, Kathy Moran and Nancy Buckland. Photo courtesy of Shawne Kaeser.

Guild Nominees

The Nominating Committee reports that they have candidates for the positions of Guild President and Vice President. These will be announced in the February issue of *Threads of Thought*. Please be sure that your Chapter's Nominating Committee also has their list of nominees ready for publication in the same issue.



Lillian Earhart

Becky Brown Wins a Ribbon at Fall AQS Paducah Show

Susie Rikard reported recently "I was just cruising through the winning quilts from the Fall Paducah Quilt Show and noticed Becky Brown of Country School Quilters has won a third place ribbon.It might be worth a mention in TOT."

Although Becky is no longer a member of RQG, as noted she still quilts with former chapter Country School Quilters and was an early talented and active member of the Guild. It is gratifying to see her excellent work recognized. Here is a picture of her winning quilt, Two Hearts, in the Large Quilts/Hand quilted Section of the show.

Editor's Note: I ran into Becky at the AQS Show at Virginia Beach in October, where she had the quilt on display with its winning ribbon. It was fun to have a chance to catch up with her and see this marvelous quilt in person..



February-March issue deadline:

The deadline for this important issue is January 14. Please have slate of officer information included with each chapter news item submitted

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"Make me a quilt!"

Board Meeting Minutes Richmond Quilters' Guild November 4, 2018 3:00PM
Bon Air Christian Church, Bon Air, VA

President Elma Cooper welcomed members and routed an attendance sheet; a quorum was confirmed. The attendees approved the previous board meeting minutes as published in the *Threads of Thought*. The Treasurer reported a RQG checking account balance of \$6,356.70 as of the end of September and a membership of approximately 300; the report was accepted and filed for audit.

Chapter Reports: Bits & Pieces – Susan Cook -The chapter recently had programs on dimensional Christmas trees and a disappearing pinwheel basket block. Upcoming programs include 3-D snowflakes and a Christmas Potluck dinner. A quilt has been donated on behalf of Bits and Pieces by member Margurite Harkness to be used as the raffle quilt for Tea at Tuckahoe in 2019.

Crazy Quilters – Deb Bosse – The chapter had a summer potluck and yard sale raised \$174 for the chapter along with a demonstration of bobbin lacemaking. Upcoming programs include a demo on hand embroidery on wool, a presentation on color theory and a potluck.

Hospitality – Dorothy Griffith – The chapter has an upcoming program on landscapes with kits. Previous programs include wool applique. The December meeting will be the Craft Bazaar from 10AM to 3PM; there will be no formal chapter meeting in December. The Bazaar will have mostly finished goods along with two quilts for raffle and baked goods for purchase. Not all items are quilt related; this is an excellent opportunity to pick-up some Christmas gifts. The display of “Fidget Quilts” has been very well received; there has been some interest in individuals purchasing. Buyers will be put in direct contact with the makers. The display runs through the end of November at the Chester Library.

James River Heritage – Liz Bradshaw – The chapter has been working on party favors for the March meeting and had a day-long quilting retreat in September. Recent programs include a trunk show by member Diana Vourron and a Tip/Trick presentation by the membership. In November the annual fundraising auction will occur including auction of a quilt to raise money for Breast Cancer followed by the Christmas potluck in December and presentation of charity quilts to an ASK representative.

Piecemakers – No Report

Committees: -Programs - Nancy Buckland – The March Spring Meeting will present a one-hour lecture by quilt appraiser, Mary Kerr titled “Out of the Trunk and onto the Table” on March 23rd at Southside Baptist Church; there will be a three hour workshop in the afternoon “Wonky Stars - Old Things Become New Again” taking old/damaged quilts or linens and creating a “new” project from them. The workshop will be limited to 30 members. Likely there will also be a Sit n’ Stitch and/or other learning opportunities.

○The proposed lunch includes a catered “brown bag” lunch from Sally Bell with a choice of sandwich selection.

Lunch will be \$5 per attendee and will require registration, payment and sandwich selection.

○There will be chapter display tables.

○**Tea At Tuckahoe** – Elma Cooper – Dorothy Griffith has agreed to Chair this event on behalf of the Guild with assistance from Sue Berg. The next event is April 28, 2019 from 2PM to 5PM with a rain date of May 5th. Admission will likely be the same amount and attendance will likely be limited to 150 people. A picture is needed of the raffle quilt provided by Bits and Pieces and Sue Cook will obtain raffle tickets and plans to visit each chapter to distribute the tickets. Details including planned promotion, food and logistics will be ongoing.

○**Guild Quilt/Lifetime Quilt** – Debbi Quitiquit – The plan agreed to at the last board meeting has been made but work not yet begun

○**Nominating Committee** – Elma Cooper – although no members of the nominating committee were present, they report that candidates for both President and Vice-President have been found. Additional nominees are welcome.

○**Quilt Show 2020** – Elma Cooper – After some discussion concerning the Quilt Show including the purpose, the location, the State Fair as an alternative, the work including “hiring” hanging personnel, the motion to have a Quilt Show in 2020 was passed. Volunteers will be needed.

○**Eppington Plantation** – Elma Cooper – those that attended reported a very successful event and hope that the Guild will be asked to attend future events.

○**Bookmarks** – Bookmarks are needed in several quilt shops.

The meeting then adjourned.

Anne C. Wright, Secretary

Chapter News

Bits and Pieces

Bits & Pieces will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11th at Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. We will have our annual holiday Potluck Dinner and NICU quilt drive. Please feel free to bring a covered dish but, more importantly, please 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 8th at Laurel Hill United Methodist Church in Varina. Anna Williams will provide demo of a String Lonestar block tutorial with NO "Y" seams. Please bring any completed pillow cases and charity items. Don't forget Show n' Tell!

Anna Williams

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 December is our annual Christmas party. Please bring a dish to share with other guild members. Also, please remember to bring a handcrafted ornament to exchange at the meeting.

The program for January 2019 will be presented by Betty Pompey. Her program will be on Improvisational Quilts. I cannot wait to see this program - I have so many smaller pieces of fabric that I look forward to seeing what I can do with them. 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

Crazy Quilters

Crazy Quilters will meet on Tuesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church, corner of Atlee Road and Signal Hill Road. This will be our Christmas potluck dinner and we begin one-half hour earlier than usual. Bring your favorite dish to share with other quilting enthusiasts. Our program that evening will be the fabric exchange – bring one yard of quality fabric in a brown bag and after everyone gets a chance to open a bag, with lots of stealing and laughter, everyone goes home with a different yard of fabric than the one they brought.



The last retreat of 2018 will be at the same site on December 6, 7, and 8. We begin by 9:00 a.m. and end by mutual agreement of those in attendance. These retreats provide another chance to share ideas and camaraderies. Many of us bring a dish or two for potluck style lunches and dinners. The cost is \$10 for one day, \$15 for two days, and \$20 for all three. **(Note: Effective January 1, 2019, the retreat prices will change to \$15 for one day, \$20 for two days, and \$25 for all three days.)** Join us for a last minute opportunity to get your Xmas sewing/quilting completed – or a jump start on next year's projects.

Our January meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church. PLEASE NOTE: **This is one week later than normal**, due to a conflict with the church on dates. Our program that evening will be presented by Eileen Green who will be doing "Binding and a Little Magic." Our retreat dates in January are January 10, 11, and 12 – please see above for information about the retreats.

Deb Bossé

Chapter News

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. The business meeting begins at 10:00 followed by a program and Show & Tell from members. Visitors are always welcome.



Ah! In December our long awaited Christmas Boutique will take place during our scheduled December meeting time on December 5th from 10 am to 3 pm.. All Chapters' members are invited to come and bring a guest. Don't miss this opportunity for some Christmas shopping. What could be better than a unique handmade one of a kind gift for those on your gift giving list? We will have sewing related items for sale, totes, advent calendars, quilts, bake sale items, baby bibs, Christmas ornaments and the list goes on and on. All proceeds will go towards funding future Hospitality programs. We thank all those involved in planning and preparing for the sale as well as those who will assist the day of Boutique. In this season of giving and in the spirit of Christmas your dedication and unselfish giving has been a blessing to those serving to make the Chapter strong for years to come.

We will start the new year on January 2nd with a program from fellow Hospitality members, Tiffany Sherman, owner of Quilter's Corner and Deb St.Cyr, manager of Quilter's Corner. Tiffany and Deb will talk about the highs, lows and in-betweens of owning and managing a quilt shop. This can be challenging; there are shop samples to make with new fabric lines as well as keeping up with the latest industry trends. Tiffany has introduced several new facets to Quilter's Corner since taking over the business. QC now offers quilting services that are provided right on the premises, embroidery machines have become a staple product of the business. We look forward to hearing the challenges the make this industry unique.

Sharon Gallegos

James River Heritage

At publication time no news had been received from this chapter. James River Heritage Chapter meets at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at Bon Air Christian Church on Buford Road. They'll be meeting on December 5 and January 2.



Happy Hanukkah !
Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!

Quilts for Flood Victims

On October 1, 2018, thirteen "comfort quilts" were delivered to Paulette Mintz, a member of Grove Park Baptist Church, Clinton NC, to be given to Hurricane Florence victims in the town of Ivanhoe NC which suffered from devastating flood waters.

Hospitality Chapter member, Margaret Burke, donated two beautiful quilts, one a king size and the other a large lap. I divided the king size in half and rebound both quilts. Other unidentified members of Hospitality gave two small child size and two large child size quilts, for a total of seven quilts. Piecemakers members donated six lap size quilts.
Mary Mintz Noel, Piecemakers Chapter

Help the Chesterfield-Colonial
Heights Christmas Mother
Committee set up their Christmas
Shop... November 30.

VQM Hosts “Joy and Comfort Tea”

This year’s Joy & Comfort Tea will be hosted at the Virginia Quilt Museum in downtown Harrisonburg, VA, on Sunday, December 2. The doors will open at 12:30 pm, with the event lasting from 1-3 pm.

During the afternoon there will be two presenters, first Dr. Steven Guerrier, a history professor at James Madison university from 1 pm to 1:45 pm discussing the importance of domesticity and female labor in the times of scarcity of the Great Depression. Next is a traditional English tea featuring an assortment of sweet and savory items from the Heritage Bakery and Cafe. Following the tea Ralph P. Wakeman, an antique sewing machine expert and technician from Shenandoah Sew and Vac will talk on the history of early sewing machines in the Valley. He will “touch base” on the Willcox & Gibson Sewing Machine Company, but his emphasis will be on local history and the home place of James Gibbs of Raphine, VA.

The cost of this event is \$50 and space is limited to 28 guests. You may order tickets online or over the telephone during Museum hours only: Tues - Sat, 10 am- 4 pm. The telephone number is 540-433-3818. Refunds are available up to 7 days before the event, and online the availability is updated with each sale..



Quick Tip to Make an Inexpensive Light Box:

Go to the Dollar Store and buy a clear plastic storage container and a battery operated tap light. Put the storage container over the tap light to make this inexpensive and portable light box.





Please Join Us
For our Christmas Bazaar!
Wednesday Dec. 5
10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Community of Grace Church
2240 Cranbeck Rd
Richmond, VA

Sponsored by Hospitality Chapter Richmond Quilt Guild





Invites you to see how the MAGIC happens!

The SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS

*Please join us for our Center Preview as we share our mission of service to almost 5,000 individuals and ensure that
no family is without food,
no child is without toys, books and clothing,
and no elder is forgotten.*

*Chesterfield County Fairgrounds
Enter from the corner of Krause and Courthouse Ext. Roads.
We are directly across from the L.C. Bird High School main
entrance.*

*FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2018
4:00PM - 6:00PM*

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.....