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A Quilter's Exchange



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A Few Words From Sherry

For three years I have been privileged to be RQG president and I could never have imagined at the start of my (unexpectedly extended) term just how meaningful that opportunity would become. It has afforded me the privilege of working with and being inspired by a group of dedicated and talented ladies. You have generously helped me as I learned on the job and been thoughtful in your thanks for efforts made by each member. In short, you have become valued friends! I hope that the coming years will afford me more chances to participate with you in our joyous, productive and creative hobby...perhaps at a bit less involved level.

Thank you to each member who has smiled and said, "Yes" when approached to take on a needed task and a huge cheer for our board members who bravely ventured into carrying on by Zoom even through a few unanticipated glitches. We've learned, grown and laughed together through some uncharted times.

A new president and vice president will be installed at our annual meeting (by Zoom) on March 26th and the future of Richmond Quilters Guild looks exciting as they lead us out of the slump of the pandemic and into an active guild future. Chapter members are enthusiastically meeting in person again and being reminded why we all enjoy being with those who share our particular form of creativity.

So here's a toast and a cheer to exciting times ahead for RQG. And special thank you's to the following members: to former RQG president, Elma Cooper for never hesitating when I called on her for advice, to Ann Shibut who took on being Secretary while continuing to chase after her errant "reporters" to provide interesting content for our bimonthly online Threads of Thought and especially to "*I'll have your back*" vice president, Bobbie Stein, who unfailingly did so much more than that!

Sherry Whitford

Guild Nominees for President & VP

Two intrepid Guild members have stepped up, agreeing to run for the top two offices of the Richmond Quilter's Guild for the next two years. Barbara Vonada of Bits and Pieces is the nominee for President, and Linda Thompson of James River Heritage is the Vice President nominee. Additional nominees (with their agreement) can be offered at the election to be held at the Guild's Annual Meeting on March 26.

Annual Meeting Info

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Richmond Quilter's Guild will occur via Zoom on March 26.



Those who have registered with Elma Cooper will receive the Zoom invitation

Election of officers, vote on the budget, and announcement of new Life Members will comprise a brief business session before a program presented by Heather Kojan. At 1:00 pm those who have registered will participate in an online workshop with Heather.

Check out the proposed budget on page 7



VA Quilt Museum News

Some major "spring cleaning" has been going on at the museum, with reimagining the use of space, creation of new galleries, and painting. Even so, a new exhibit from Fiber Art Now, *Excellence in Quilts*, has been installed. It includes 17 pieces by artists from around the world. It will be on view through Saturday, April 9. If you follow the Museum on Facebook and/or Instagram you can see pictures there of some of the pieces. Also, the Museum has a new website, so check it out: vaquiltmuseum.org.



In Memoriam: Cathy Chase



Since our last issue members learned the sad news of the passing of Cathy Chase, long time owner of the Busy Bea quilt store in Chester. The shop was founded by Cathy's Mother, Bea. Cathy was a long-time member of James River Heritage chapter and active in many of the Guild functions through the years, including being a vendor at our quilt shows.

A memorial service for Cathy will be held on Saturday, April 23, at 1 pm at Chester United Methodist Church, 12132 Percival Street, Chester, VA 23831. A light reception will follow in Davis Fellowship Hall. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers those wishing to donate in honor of Cathy contribute to the Bensley Bermuda Rescue Squad at <http://www.bbvrs.net/donte-to-squad-2/> and in the note section of the donation page put Cathy's name.



Newsletter Schedule 2021-2022 Guild Year

The deadlines for the coming month:

June-July issue- May 9

I love getting photos and news which would be of interest to Guild members, so send them along at any time.

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ZOOM BOARD MEETING.... 2:00 PM, JANUARY 16, 2022

(These are rather disorganized minutes because the meeting itself was rather disorganized. Board members trying to log into the Zoom meeting were frustrated when they could not “get in.” Sherry soon realized that problems with her computer were contributing to this. When it became evident that the meeting wasn’t going to work from Sherry’s computer Jan Humphreys volunteered to issue invitations from her personal ZOOM account although using this account would limit the meeting time to 45 minutes.)

When the Zoom meeting finally began eventually 10 members were present, constituting a quorum. Those present were Sherry Whitford, Jan Humphreys, Ann Shibut, Sandy Collins, Michelle Pease, Linda Thompson, Barbara Vonada, Elma Cooper, Regena Young, and Jennifer Johnson.

With time was limited, meeting formalities were dispensed with. Linda Thompson first read the statement recommending a member of James River Heritage chapter (*****) for Life Membership. There being a quorum the Board voted to elect this member.

There followed lengthy discussion regarding the March 26 Spring Meeting... whether in view of the current Covid 19/Omicron situation to continue with our earlier plans. Questions about what this would be like in three months? Live meeting or ZOOM? Lunch for all purchased/bring your own/ workshop attendees only? Have Heather Kojan come or cancel? Require masking or optional? In the end the consensus was that we have Heather present her program and workshop via Zoom, as it was felt in that way we would have the widest participation. Elma will prepare a message to the entire membership to gauge likely attendance.

At this point our 45 minutes was up, but Jan arranged for a second meeting, so everyone quit Zoom and then joined this next meeting to continue. At this point Elma Cooper a recommendation letter for another James River Heritage member for Life Membership. (****). The Board approved the recommendation.

Sherry said that the Treasurer’s books need to be audited by a committee of 3 by May 15. Linda Thompson and Jennifer Johnson volunteered to serve on the committee; another will be named later. She also asked that some decision be made as to the disposition of 8 quilts made by Rosemary Holdaway and her Singer Featherweight all of which were donated to the Guild to be used for some worthy purpose. It was proposed that at least one of the quilts be raffled off by the Guild, and funds raised be used in Rosemary’s name.

There being other weighty subjects needing Board discussion and action, it was decided to attempt another ZOOM meeting for that purpose next Sunday, January 23, 2:00 pm *Ann Shibut, Secretary*

*** Note: Newly elected Life Member names secret until Annual Meeting on March 26, 2022.*

Free to good home I don’t do much hand quilting any more, and am also sort of downsizing. This is a beautiful quilt frame built for me by the husband of Miriam Page, one of the early members of the Guild. It has a pair of long rails (can take quilts up to 94” wide and the shorter ones, 64” wide. Both sets of rails have marked ticking for attaching the backing. Interested? Email me at ashibut@comcast.net



ZOOM BOARD MEETING... 2:00 pm, JANUARY 23, 2022

There were 9 members present constituting a quorum. (Sherry Whitford, Ann Shibut, Sandy Collins, Bobbie Stein, Anne Wright, Linda Thompson, Jennifer Johnson, Elma Cooper, and Galaxy 58 (? Name?).

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the problem of securing nominees for the positions of Guild President and Vice President. It was obvious that this group should not make any concrete decisions on such a consequential subject. Lengthy discussion ensued.

The possibility of dissolving the Guild brought forth details concerning our connection to the State Corporation Commission, the IRS, insurance/liability issues, etc. There are benefits from these things which chapters would lose were the Guild to dissolve. It was mentioned that presenting a Quilt Show involves more work and effort than members of a single chapter can easily do, and general meetings of all the Guilds offer an opportunity to hear better speakers, meet new friends and renew friendships with old one. It was thought that we need to go back to the chapter memberships and explain these things in a positive way. We also need to realize that volunteers for offices don't just suddenly appear; individuals need to be invited/asked to serve for the good of the whole.

No motions were made at this meeting.

Generally, Board attendees ended the meeting with a more optimistic sense than when it began.

The date for the next Board Meeting is March 13, 2022 at 2:00 (via Zoom)

Ann Shibut, Secretary

ZOOM BOARD MEETING... 2:00 pm, March 13, 2022

There were 12 members present constituting a quorum. (Sherry Whitford, Ann Shibut, Sandy Collins, Bobbie Stein, Anne Wright, Linda Thompson, Jennifer Johnson, Elma Cooper, Linda Killmeier, Karen Steele, Barbara Vonada, Michelle Pease)

Sherry Whitford, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Nominees for President and Vice President had been obtained since the last Board meeting. (Barbara Vonada, (B&P) President, and Linda Thompson, Vice President (JRH).

Anne Wright, Treasurer, will send the proposed budget to Sherry and also for publication in the April/May issue of Threads of Thought. She reported that the balance in the Guild checking account is \$9071.79, and there is \$11,512.97 in the Quilt Show account. The Audit Committee will audit the books once the latest bank statement arrives. Anne said that new and renewing membership information should be sent to her by May 21 in order to be included in the new Directory.

VP Bobbie Stein will add the new Life Member names to the Life Member quilt before the Annual Meeting, and will take a picture of it to show at the virtual Zoom meeting.

WeQuilt President, Michelle Pease reported that their membership will be voting on March 15 as to whether or not to continue as a chapter of the Guild. Problems with Covid have played havoc with this new group getting leadership.

It was decided to dispense with Chapter President reports at the Zoom Annual meeting.

Elma Cooper reported that 56 members have signed up for that meeting, with 16 taking the workshop following it.

Bobbie Stein showed the quilt she had made to be the gift for outgoing President, Sherry Whitford.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm. *Ann Shibut*, Secretary

Chapter News

James River Heritage

James River meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm at the Bon Air Christian Church on Buford Road in the small room on the left.



In February we had our first Zoom meeting. The program was for each one of us to talk about how we started quilting and to show our first quilt if we still had it. How to do the binding on that very first quilt seemed to be a very common issue for most of us. In March we met in person, installing Elma Cooper as our president and Jane Miller as VP. A nice sized pile of donation quilts for ASK were collected. Many thanks go out to Linda Thompson as our outgoing President for the last three years. She was presented with a log cabin quilt in reds, golds and greens.

On April 6, the program will be 'String Quilts' by Terri Moore from Material Things. Don't forget to bring your membership dues! The May 4 program is 'How to do Bargello' by our own Debbie Q.

Happy Quilting, *Frances Engesser*

Hospitality

Greetings from the Hospitality Chapter! We meet on the first Thursday of the month, 10 AM, at Community of Grace Church, 2240 Cranbeck Road.



On Thursday, April 7th we will have national teacher Cheryl Lynch for a trunk show and lecture on Mini Mosaic Quilts. Cheryl will also presenting a workshop following the meeting in the afternoon. Lucy Ess, co-owner of Bobbin and Bolt will offer our May 4th program. We look forward to seeing demonstrations on Bernina Sergers.

March was our first in-person meeting since December. The very well attended meeting included a program presented by Heather Stocker of Bon Air Quilting. The technique of making T-Shirt quilts without interfacing was most interesting and certainly worth a try! Please join us for our programs. We look forward to seeing you!

Sandy Collins

Piecemakers

Piecemakers Chapter of the RQG meets the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at New Bethesda Baptist Church off Mechanicsville Turnpike, at 9:30 for social, then 10:00 for the meeting and program. We have modern, traditional, beginning, experienced, young, and young at heart quilters. Everyone is welcome.



On April 13 Deborah Pinion will demonstrate and help members make the "Radiance" quilt by Missouri Star. It uses the "Burst" template, also by Missouri Star. Members should bring their machines, and lunches.

On May 11 Heather Koran will present a trunk show and program. We will be make the quilt "Mod Citrus", using a curved template. We may have some seats for other guild members, if you are interested call Deborah Pinion 804 241-8684, or email at djpinion55@gmail.com. The ruler is \$25. And the pattern is \$10. The program will start promptly at 9:30. Members should bring their machine and lunch.

We have a sewing day the 3rd Friday of each month. For the next two years a different "boutique" item demonstrated. These items will help the group prepare for the boutique at the quilt show. The April item is a portable project bag, using clear vinyl and for May, a table runner using the curved ruler from the May program. Members can sewing on these items, or anything they are working on. We meet from 9:30 until 3:00pm.

Deborah Pinion, Programs and Tammy Weston, President

WE Quilt

At their meeting on Tuesday, March 15 this group voted to leave the Richmond Quilteers Guild and become an independent quilt group. At their meeting on 3/13 the RQG Board was made aware of this possibility and said we wish them well, and will be happy to welcome them back in the future if they so desire

Chapter News



Reminder: Bits and Pieces new meeting time and location is the third Saturday of the month at 10:00am, Varina Ruritan Club, 8081 Recreational Road, Henrico, VA.

We voted and approved these officers for 2022-23: President- Donna Booth; Vice President- Anna Williams; Secretary- Bradleigh Barthel; Treasurer- Amy Christopher; Programs- Barbara Vonada.

Bits and Pieces donated 40 fleece blankets to VCU Massey Cancer Center and 54 fleece blankets along with 21 pillows to St. Joseph's Villa.

Outgoing president, Barbara Vonada, was presented the President's Quilt at our December celebration. Thank you, Barbara, for your wonderful leadership!

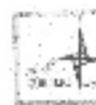
Beth Lawson (pictured right) was the winner of our raffle quilt which was beautifully hand quilted by Arie Brandon.

(No news of the plans for April and May meetings was included.)

Anna Williams

Crazy Quilters

Crazy Quilters meets on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Atlee Road and Signal Hill Road, in Mechanicsville. All styles of quilting and quilters are welcome!



The newly elected officers for 2022-23 are Jennifer Johnson, President, Deb Bosse, VP, Suzanne Kampschroer, Treasurer, Laura Brewer, Secretary, Sherry Whitford, Program chair. Unfortunately Jennifer's computer refused to work, so this was all the news she could send at this point.

Crazy Quilters also holds monthly mini-retreats on the weekend following our monthly meetings. Upcoming mini-retreat dates are: April 7, 8 and 9. Please contact us for more details, or we will see you there! No reservations are required, you can just show up and bring a dish to share, if you would like to join the potluck!



Barbara receives this quilt as a gift



Here's the proposed budget for 2022-2023. Look it over and be ready to ask any questions and vote at the Annual Meeting on March 26.

Richmond Quilt Guild - Proposed Budget			2022-2023	
	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	Actual 2020-2022	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	
Income				
Membership	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,438	\$ 2,440	
Fall Meeting	-	-	-	
Quilt Show				
Spring Meeting	\$ 500	\$ 320	\$ 500	
Bus Trips	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 1,800	Note 3
Total Income	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,758	\$ 4,740	less bus trip
				\$ 2,940
Expenses				
Corporate Registration Fee	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$ 25	Note 1
Fall Meeting	\$ 500	\$ 150	\$ 600	
Quilt Show				
Spring Meeting	\$ 1,576	\$ 780	\$ 1,100	
Liability Insurance	\$ 125	\$ 375	\$ 250	Note 2
Officers' Expenses:				
President	\$ 100	-	\$ 20	
Vice President	\$ 150	-	\$ 50	
Secretary				
Treasurer	\$ 100	\$ 30	\$ 20	
Outgoing Board Gifts	\$ 75	-	\$ 35	
Total Officer Exp.	\$ 425	\$ 30	\$ 125	
Bus Trips	\$ 3,015	-	\$ 1,800	Note 3
Webmistress	\$ 250	\$ 875	\$ 500	Note 1
Web Hosting fees	\$ 84.00	\$ 168	\$ 170	Note 1
Zoom	\$ -	\$ 270	\$ 170	Note 1
TOTALS EXPENSES	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,698	\$ 4,740	less bus trip
				\$ 2,940
Note 1 - Actual Cost are for two year: proposed cost are for one year. Note 2 - Insurance is not split with Quilt Show Note 3 - Plans are being made for a bus trip to Chantilly in May				

Needlework History notes



Remember my article about this unusual thread storage case which I described in the last issue? I asked if anyone could tell me anything about it, and lo and behold, very promptly I had an email from new Guild member Susan Wiedmaier. She had search for "Chinese paper needle case" and found a lot of information... even how to make one! If you are curious, go to 916: Zhen Xian Bao (Traditional Chinese Thread and Needle Book) Setting the Crease.

Meanwhile, this month, inspired by the news of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, I was moved to look back at my notes and photographs from a visit I made to Ukraine in 2008. It was a two week cruise from Kiev down to the Black Sea, the Crimea, Yalta, and then ending in Bucharest, Romania. We visited some Outdoor History Museums in both Kiev and Bucharest, and at both locations we saw samples of the beautiful

embroidery and cross stitch made by these people. I bought a shirt/jacket as a souvenir. Here are pictures from the trip and of my shirt. As you see, although Ukraine's flag is yellow and blue, the traditional embroidery colors are red and black. The gentleman at the museum was playing a *tsymbaly*, a stringed percussion instrument.



In the chapter titled "Loss" in Clare Hunter's book "Threads of Life," from which I have drawn inspiration in past TOT articles, she wrote that in eastern Europe some embroidered textiles "follow a person through life to death...."the red stitched towel a baby was laid down on at birth would cover its adult face at death, In the Ukraine, a new-born's *rushnyk* (ritual cloth) was kept through life and taken with its owner's body to the cemetery to be destroyed by the elements as part of the funeral rites."