

HOSPITALITY QUILTERS

Founded 1982

Member's Information (revised Jan 2020)

Welcome to the Hospitality Chapter of the Richmond Quilter's Guild. We hope this information will be helpful to you, so keep it handy. If you have questions, see the directory for contact information for the chapter President or Vice President.

Meetings: We meet the first Wednesday of the month (except July) at Community of Grace Church, 2240 Cranbeck Rd, North Chesterfield, 23235. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. Information is shared regarding upcoming events, activities and workshops, and chapter business is discussed. Next is "Show and Tell," a time for us to share our work, whether beginner or experienced quilter. After "Show and Tell" we have our program, which often includes a guest speaker, lecture and/or trunk show. Occasionally there may be an afternoon workshop following the morning meeting.

Hospitality Sign-In Table and Name Tags: Always sign in at the beginning of the meeting, noting any charity quilts you brought and the number of volunteer hours you worked that month (whether specifically for the chapter or the guild.) Pick up your prepared nametag to help us get to know each other, as we are a large group. Turn in the name tag at the end of the meeting, in the basket provided. Also at the sign-in table, there is often information available about upcoming events, and you can pick up your copy of the Guild Directory. The Treasurer is available to receive dues payments, etc, and you can purchase 50/50 raffle tickets to support our program funding, if you choose to do so. The 50/50 winner is announced during the business meeting.

Charity Quilts: Each member of Hospitality is expected to make and donate at least one charity quilt each year. Place your completed charity quilts at the table provided. Note that labels are available at the table. We ask that you attach a Hospitality label to each quilt, along with a tag indicating which of our supported charities you would like the quilt to be donated to. A list of our supported charities is available at the table.

Guests: We welcome guests and ask that they sign in and wear a name tag available from one of the greeters at the sign in table. Guests may attend two meetings after which they are expected to join if they wish to continue attending.

Refreshments: Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are provided during the social time, 9:30-10:00. Members are asked to sign up to bring treats on a voluntary basis. The sign-up sheet for the next month is located on the Refreshments table.

Dues: Our fiscal year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Dues are \$20 per year (age 65 & over, \$16) payable by the April meeting. Members are encouraged to visit other Guild chapters and may belong to

more than one chapter by paying an additional \$8 fee to the secondary chapters. (Members joining in October and thereafter pay half-price dues for membership through March 31st.)

Inclement Weather Policy: We follow Chesterfield County School closings in case of inclement weather on our meeting day. If schools are closed, the meeting is canceled. If the schools are on a two-hour delay we proceed with the regular scheduled meeting.

Hospitality Hour: This is our chapter's monthly newsletter, helping us all keep informed about our chapter's past and upcoming activities. Ann Shibut produces the newsletter each month (except July) using articles submitted by chapter members. The newsletter is sent via email, usually the last week of the month. (Members who are unable to access this through email can request a paper copy each month; see the Vice President to request this.) Each issue includes a note about our program for the next meeting, as well as minutes and treasurer's report from the prior month's meeting. There's also a summary of charity quilts donated the previous month. Reading the newsletter is an excellent way to be in the know about what's going on, so please take advantage of this. If you would like to contribute an article, email it to Ann Shibut; deadline is the Monday of the week preceding the next Hospitality meeting.

Supported Charities:

In 2019, our chapter donated a total of 174 quilts to our charities, as well as 54 cat crate blankets, 19 Meals on Wheels placemats, 3 animal rescue blankets, and 14 pillowcases to various organizations.

As of January 2020, our supported charities are as follows:

- Alzheimer's of Richmond (fidget quilts)
- Chesterfield County Families First
- Chesterfield County Christmas Mother
- Crater Community Hospice
- Fisher House
- McGuire Veterans Hospital
- Virginia Baptist Hospital's Pediatric Psychiatric Unit
- Virginia Services for the Blind (tactile quilts for vision-impaired babies)
- VCU Medical Center - Doorways
- (Note that currently Johnston-Willis Fetal Demise and NICU are not accepting any quilts.)