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Programs and Workshops By Kinza Pickelsimer & Susan Palmer

November 24: Workshop (9:00 am to Noon) and Program (1:00)—Rachel Brown: “Our First Quilts—How we developed our passion for Quilting”

In first grade Mrs. Ruth Kachel taught Rachel to read. In third grade Mrs. Naomi Bard taught her to write beautifully with her left hand. Mrs. Zoe Kauffman taught art in her elementary school, and she learned about color and proportion. As a senior in high school, Miss Mary Lee Forney opened her mind and her heart to children's literature.

Rachel's mother, Anna Mary Neff, set up the Singer sewing machine in the kitchen, and tolerated the creative mess Rachel made as she learned to sew. Rachel learned to sew her own wardrobe and later dressed her little daughters until they learned to read designer labels. Reading, writing, drawing and sewing all bring special memories of life's unique journey



Rachel opened her shop in 1997. She is the mother of 2 daughters (both married) and 1 son (still single), and one grandchild. She is also author of a children's book, “Small Camel Follows the Star,” published by Albert Whitman.

Rachel will teach a hand embroidery/crayola workshop. She will bring a selection of patterns by Plum Creek (see example above) so that everyone does not have to make the same one. Cost of the workshop is \$20 plus \$10 for cost of the pattern. This is an ideal workshop for you grandmothers to make quilts for your grandchildren for Christmas. For our program, Rachel will present a trunk show.

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Bonnie Bull,
Webmaster

NEXT MEETING
December 8, 2009
Waterfront Country Club
11:00 AM

Board Meeting TBA

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CELL PHONES
DURING MEETINGS**

Ripples From Our President

By Cindy Stachelski



Wow! Time flies when you're having fun and I have to admit, I've had a lot of fun these past 2 years! (with a small exception last October). Of course, being president would be an impossible job if not for all the volunteers that help run the show. So thanks to all of you that helped with everything from putting up the chairs to setting up our quilt show, organizing all the charity projects, writing the newsletter... well I won't mention all the jobs there are that make this organization run but I am truly grateful for all your hard work and dedication. I appreciate it as the president and I will continue to appreciate it as a member. As Linda Quinn comes in as your new president, she will also need a new group to help her keep things running so this is your call to action. Please, raise your hand when asked to volunteer. We all need your help.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. It will be nice to sit with the group during meetings from now on but I will miss that gavel!

Cindy Stachelski

President

Membership News

The Guild is closing out 2009 with 188 active members. That's incredible! I wish you and your families the very best for the holiday season.

Membership renewal forms for 2010 will be due January 1, 2010 and should be given or mailed to Paula Stevens at 205 Inlet Drive, Wirtz, VA 24184. Membership is still \$20.00 for the year.

Please note, I will not be collecting membership forms or payment at the December luncheon.

Paula Stevens

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Notice of guild meeting cancellations due to bad weather **WILL NOT** be on Roanoke's NBC TV station Channel 10. However, that information **will** be available on the WSLs website at www.norwestinteractive.com/wsls/sls/weather/closings_and_delays/ For further information or questions, please contact the Guild President or the Program Chairperson (VP). Their contact information is listed in the newsletter under the current officers.

CHARITY BEE NEWS

A great big **thank-you** to all the members of the guild who have been so generous with their time this year making items to help the needy in Bedford and Franklin Counties. We have delivered a record number of items this year.

In November 140 Christmas Stockings will be delivered to the STEP program. This is many more than we have donated in the past and we know the children will have a better Christmas because of YOU!!

Remember all the slips you filled out when you finished a charity item?? At the November meeting we will be drawing names for a small thank-you gift from your committee.

If you have completed items at home, please bring them to the November meeting so everything we have can be donated before Christmas. A complete list of our donations will be posted in the January Newsletter.

Your Charity Committee:

Marcia, Katherine, Sandy, Alice, Donna, Teena, Kathy, Sandra

PS We would love to have some new members next year - we follow the rule: Many Hands Make Light Work! Please see any member of the committee at the Charity Table if you are interested in joining us!

Volunteer Clean-Up Schedule

Thanks to everyone who offered to set up before and clean up after Guild meetings. If you are unable to attend, please find a member to substitute for you. Try to arrive by 11:30 to finish setting up in time for Block of the Month at noon. Clean up immediately follows the Guild meeting. Please remember to remove any trash bags that our members fill and visit the dumpster on the way home.

Those who signed up for November:

Gwen Bruington
Reginia Cosgrove
Sue Dittler

Betty Huffman



Programs and Workshops (Continued from Page 1)

table and preparing special meals for friends and family; and spring mornings writing in a favorite wicker chair on her front porch. In addition to her husband, Dennis, she shares her home with Jesse, a very loyal miniature schnauzer, and Gershwin and Zoey, two cats she rescued and who sometimes rescue her.



December 8—Christmas Luncheon

Our annual holiday luncheon will be held at the Waterfront Country Club on Tuesday, December 8. Please bring your "Going Green" challenge quilts at 11:00 for display and voting. Lunch will be served at 12:00, followed by a handmade ornament exchange. Please mark your luncheon menu choice on the enclosed insert and send it with a check for \$10.00 (payable to Lake Quilters Guild or LQG, **must be received by Nov. 24**) to:

Betty H. Huffman
175 Mountain Avenue
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Directions to Waterfront Country Club: Turn onto Scruggs Rd and travel about 4 miles. Turn left onto Windlass Rd. Go about 1 mile to Anchor Dr. There is a large sign for Waterfront Country Club there. The club house is about 1/4 mile down this road on the left hand side. The phone number is (540) 721-2653

*Please remember that the dress code for the club is **NO JEANS**.*

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010!

January 26, 2010—1:00 Program

Sue Dixon, a member of our guild since 2000, will discuss "**How to Reorganize an Existing Quilting Area.**" She will also give us a procedure and decision chart for "conquering UFOs." She will tell us how to calculate how many projects we should have "on hand." Sue previously gave a similar presentation to the Star guild; she is "revamping" her presentation for us so our members from Roanoke will still be interested.

Sue was an industrial engineer for several large national companies before retiring to Smith Mountain Lake. During her business career she designed work areas for efficiency, calculated staffing for new business units, determined work standards for processing work items, among other responsibilities. If you do not know what an industrial engineer does, think of the episode of "I Love Lucy" when Lucy was working in the candy factory. An industrial engineer figured out the proper timing of the candy flow for the packing employees. It was Lucy's unfortunate luck to run into a supervisor who sped up the flow!

Sue became interested in quilting from her great-grandmother who used cardboard templates and quilted full-size quilts on her lap well into her 80's. Sue's favorite quilting techniques are appliqué and *piecing that does not have any matching points*.

When Sue gets discouraged that something is not going well with her quilting, she imagines fellow quilters sitting on her shoulder giving advice. Some of her shoulder angels have included Betty Hatfield, Sandy Horan, Marcia Wright, Alma Carter, Cathy Maycock, Joyce Moorman and Joyce Noell. This year, Sue is the chairman of the Challenge quilt...think GREEN!

2009 Challenge - Think Green!

Remember our rules, "your interpretation of the color green, and no more than 120 inches in diameter."

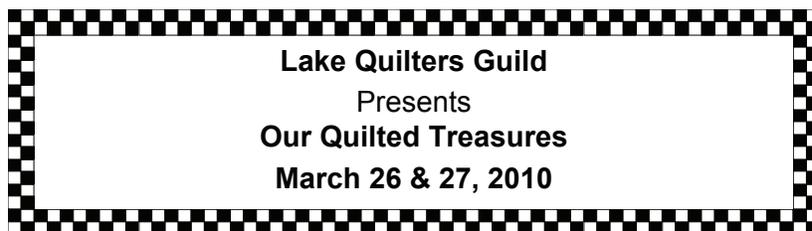
I have been collecting quilts at various meetings. If you give your quilt to me before the party, your quilt will already be at the party when you arrive. All you have to do the morning of the party is get dressed, put on your Christmas jewelry, and travel to the party.

However, you can still bring your quilt to the party. I will put a number on it for the voting and write out a card for you to attach with your comments. Or you can write out any comments you want and attach them to your quilt.

I'm trying to run a challenge where everyone feels they can participate no matter when you get your "little gem" done. As I have said in some of our meetings, your inspiration may come the night before or very early in the morning of the party, December 8.

Happy quilting!

Sue Dixon



Now that everyone has that turkey and dressing all ready to put in the oven, you can set down for a minute and dream of the time when you will be able to sew again. I know many of you have your quilts all ready for our show and that's great. Have you thought about putting in a wearable as well? I know you ladies make a lot of pretty things. We are going to do the bee displays again this year so we can show off even more of our quilted treasures. That will be a good place to show off all those cute little purses you gals have been making. We have been keeping a sharp eye on all the beautiful things that have been in Show and Tell. We hope we see a lot of those in the quilt show. In January, we will have all forms and brochures available for everyone to see and use.

But after your Thanksgiving company has gone home, prop your feet up and hem a quilt. It really is relaxing. Have a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends and may we all stay well.

Joyce Moorman and Joyce Noell



LIBRARY CORNER

Several books have been requested by Guild members, and those have been ordered. Hopefully, they will be available at the November meeting.

A very special 'Thank You' to all those members who have donated books to the library. *Anne Ochs, Librarian*



Treasurer's Report

By

Sandra Ferguson

Balance (9/30/09)	\$7456.58
<i>Income:</i>	
Dues	10.00
Retreat	650.00
Workshops	100.00
Raffle Quilt	543.00
Christmas Lunch	770.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2123.00
<i>Expenses:</i>	
Newsletter	21.42
Workshop	100.00
Sweeper	40.95
Program	100.00
Block of Month	18.90
Christmas Lunch	4.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$285.47
Balance (10/31/09)	\$9294.11

*Please remember:
Retreat and Christmas lunch expenses
come out of the total.*

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RECIPES from Quilt Retreat

Chocolate Heath Bark

(from Susan Palmer)

- 1 sleeve saltine crackers
- 2 sticks butter
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 cups chocolate chips, semi-sweet or milk chocolate

Preheat oven to 400°. Line bottom of 10x15 pan with foil; spray with Pam, cover with crackers. In small pan, gently boil butter and sugar for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour over crackers, place in oven and bake 5 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle with chocolate chips. As they soften, spread them evenly over the top. Sprinkle with chopped nuts if desired. Refrigerate for at least 1 1/2 hours, then break into bite-size pieces and enjoy!

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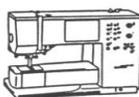
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Block of the Month 2009



At our October meeting, Alice Vreeland taught us how to make a Thanksgiving wall hanging with a cute turkey.

Ruth Ann Assaid and Eloise Vass will be presenting us with instructions for a Christmas wall hanging at our November meeting.

NOTICE: Anyone interested in teaching for the upcoming year's block of the month—it is going to be the Underground railroad quilt. We will be meeting at 11:30 before guild meeting. If you have any books relating to the theme, please bring them.

Helen Buchanan, Chairperson

Door Prizes: We only have two more months for door prizes this year. Got to be in it to win it.



FOR MEMBERS you know who need a bit of cheer, please contact our Sunshine Chair, Madeline Demchak at madal687@yahoo.com

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Tues-Sat, 9:30-5:30 Friday until 7:00 PM

- * **New selection of quilting fabric from Benartex, Robert Kaufman, Michael Miller just arrived!**
- * **We have new quilt books—"Quilt Without Corners" and templates.**
- * **Quilt Square Kits available.**
- * **There's still time to get your Go! Fabric Cutter from Accuquilt before Christmas. It would make a great gift for family, friends, or yourself!**
- * **Christmas Gift Ideas:**
—Neck Pillows, Rice Bags, Wooden Baskets, Jig saw Puzzles, Jams & Jellies, Gift Certificates.
- * **Stop by our store for the January Quilting Class Schedule.**

LQG Annual Quilt Retreat



Everyone who attended the retreat learned something! In addition to the great fellowship, we had a wonderful time learning a new technique for quilting using The Cotton Theory created by Betty Cotton and taught by Sue Wilson (assisted by "Mom," Betty Slezak) from Huron, Ohio. We were treated to a trunk show on Friday evening, class all day Saturday and final tips on Sunday morning.

We wish to thank Cindy Stachelski (and her helper, Janie Lawless) for a warm-up project on

Friday afternoon. It was a perfect project for the time we had and got us engaged for Saturday's marathon. Thank you to Sue Palmer for games - we enjoyed the break. Thank you to Paula Stevens for making the arrangements for our wonderful instructor. We all wish you could have been there, Paula. Thank you to all of the participants who helped with set-up and clean-up – Sue and Betty were very happy with all the help unloading and loading their supplies.

The tour of Old Salem on Friday morning and lunch at the Old Salem Tavern organized by Sandra Ferguson was a special treat. It was extremely interesting and I would like to go back and do an in-depth tour . . . or just go back to the bakery! Thank you, Sandra.

We have a list of merchants to thank for prizes – Tuscan Tavern, Chopsticks, Kroger, Joe's Pizza, Smith Mountain Lake Quilting, Modern Nails Spa, The General Store, and SML Eagle. These merchants have been generous to us year after year so remember them when you are shopping!

Participants, remember to pick up your shirt from Paula at the November Guild meeting.

It's been fun, ladies, but it's time to pass the baton. We need someone to organize next year's retreat. I will be happy to share my forms and whatever information may be helpful. (p.s. I think with a little encouragement, Regina Cosgrove may be convinced to chair the committee so talk with her and offer your help).

**November 2009 Featured Bee:
SASSY STITCHERS BEE**
By Sue Dittler



Roanoke's "Sassy Stitchers" are the featured bee this month. They meet from 10 until 3 on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. John Lutheran Church, and are one of the few bees still open to new members.

The bee is currently doing a "strip quilt" as a round robin project. They are also very active in making Charity Quilts as an ongoing project. Averaging about 6 Charity quilts a year, some have been given to our guild and others to veterans. They are especially fond of a local veteran whom they've gotten to know, Kevin Blanchard, from Fincastle. Kevin lost a leg in Iraq and was a recent recipient of one of their quilts. The ladies also enjoy teaching each other new blocks.

Members of this Bee which formed in January 2008, include Joyce Noell, Ruth Ann Assaid, Charlene Bush, Linda Cronise, Sue Dixon, Betty Ann Graham, Gayla Heath, Donna Kittelson, Catherine Maycock, Joyce Moorman, Betty Ann Tyree, Sandra Ferguson, Shirley Graham, and Pat Lingle. They are quite a talented group of ladies as you'll see from their display.

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Check our website for new classes through March 2010! In November, Make and Take Christmas Ornament class \$5.00 includes fabric.
Big News: We have named our quilters paradise downstairs "The Quilt Shack"
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Buzzings from the Bees by Susan and Chris

- **Bag Ladies Bee** (Moneta area)—meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 am to ??? at Mary Ann Spangler's. Bring lunch. Working on charity, Christmas items for children. Starting January, will work on Friendship Squares. **(Full at this time.)**

- **Bluewater Bee** (Moneta)—meets 1st Tuesday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Smith Mountain Lake Quilting Shop;

Contact Marnie Brush (719-7845). Working on a Charity Quilt for Bedford Social Services, and favors for the guild Christmas luncheon. **(Full at this time.)**

- **Buzzin' Bees** (Boones Mill)—meets 1st Thursday 9:00 am to ??? at Velma Meador's home. Bring lunch. **(Full at this time.)**

- **Friendship Bee** (Hardy)—meets 2nd and 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 AM to ??? Call Gloria Thar or Jeannette Chace for meeting location. Bring lunch. Bring anything you've started or want to start; there will be help for new quilters.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

- **Hardy Bee** (Moneta)—meets 4th Tuesday, 9:00 am to noon, at Dot Jackson's home. Working on "row by row" quilts and continuing making charity projects. **(Full at this time.)**

- **Kept in Stitches Bee** (Hillcrest Heights)—meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Alma Carter's home. Field trips planned to deliver charity quilts. Happy Holidays to all. January 2010, finish UFO's. **(Full at this time.)**

- **Ladies of the Evening Bee** (Wirtz) Paula Stevens. Meetings temporarily suspended until new host/meeting location identified.

- **Lake Park Bee** (Penhook-Union Hall) Members have disbanded group. Members have joined other bee groups.

- **Material Girls Bee** (Walnut Run)—meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Call Marcia Wright or Kate Holdgreve. Bring lunch. Will display in October 2010. **(Full at this time.)**

- **River Queen Bee** (Goodview)—meets 3rd Tuesday, 12:30 pm at Jeanie Ireland's home. Working on UFO's, one of which is a charity quilt. Will display in August 2010. **(New Members welcome.)**

- **Sassy Stitches Bee** (Roanoke)—*meeting time changed to 3rd Tuesday*, 10:00 am to 3 pm at St. John Lutheran Church. Contact Joyce Noell for information. Ongoing Block Exchange Project. Will display November 2009. **(Always open to new members.)**

- **Shady Ladies Bee** (Moneta)—meets 1st Monday, 1:30 PM to 3:30. Call Jan Hagen for winter meeting location. December 7th meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. for luncheon at Jan's home. Working on Round Table charity quilt (row-by-row) and Dresden wall hanging. Beginning quilting is their focus. Will be working on gift projects in Fall and quilt starting in January. Will display January 2010. **(Full at this time.)**

- **Southside Bee** (Union Hall)—meets 2nd Thursday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring lunch. Call daytime hours only Sandy Randall. **(Full at this time.)**

- **Stitches In Time** (Goodview)—Appliqué Bee meets 2nd Tuesday, 10:00 am. Bring lunch. Call Kinza Pickelsimer. Project: Hearts and Flowers blocks by Kathy Delaney. Will display in November 2010. **(Full at this time.)**

- **Sunshine Bee** (White House Corner/Huddleston)—meets 1st Thursday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at Cindy Clark's home. Bring lunch. Will display in April 2010. **(Full at this time.)**

IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF A BEE or IF YOU HAVE ANY UPDATES/CHANGES FOR THE ABOVE BEES, CALL SUE DITTLER OR CHRIS PATANE BEFORE THE 3RD OF EACH MONTH.

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