LAKE QUILTERS NEWS

February 2024



A WORD (OR TWO) FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings All -

In today's world we often find ourselves saying, I "LOVE" this or that... – I'm guessing that you can probably tell, I LOVE ALL THINGS QUILTING!!!

I LOVE that quilting has been a part of my life since 1979 when college-aged me drove my mom to a small quilt show in a school gymnasium in Greenbelt, MD. Hooked immediately by what I saw, I bought brown calico and beige muslin (bad choice but practically the <u>only</u> choice) confident I could hand-piece my first quilt – a block named HALEY'S COMET- before the comet reappeared in 1985... but that's another story; I LOVE that we have such a wide variety of choices today!!! ...and so many great places to find fabric 😂

I LOVE that quilting created a special bond between my mother, sister, daughter, sisters-in-law, step-mother-in-law – and now daughter-in law! We always have something to talk about 😂 I LOVE retreats or and shows and road trips or just any opportunity where women (and men on occasion) get together and sew and have a good time!

I LOVE that quilting allows me to make really personalized gifts for family and friends that show how much I care about them...and that love can be extended to others in need.

I LOVE quilting fabric and books and magazines and color and design and technology, and social media and podcasts and woman owned businesses... – all things creating a thriving and viable industry around this craft!!!

...and maybe, one of the things I LOVE best is wherever I travel, I've been able to find a QUILT SHOP or EVENT full of fun-loving, creative people who look happy to share their LOVE of quilting with me and the world as well...

...and that's what I'll be for the next few weeks....off to search out more people who LOVE quilting Down Under – to (hopefully) experience quilting with my "Kiwi" sister-in-law's sewing group, to check out new and different fabrics and pattern designers – to see what's "trending" in another country and to just experience all the LOVE that quilting is

I LOVE you all too! What an excellent group of friendly, talented and caring people.... I will miss all the fun coming up (yes, I have FOMO); I will be thinking of you these next few weeks. Take care and see you in the Spring!

Happy Stitching!

Joy 😂



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We have a Facebook page. Check it out and join us!

Click here to visit Lake Quilters Guild at SML

The Lake Quilters Guild wants to welcome back Marsha Melkonian



February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		1-4 PM STITCH & CHAT BEE		10-2 PM KEPT IN STITCHES BEE		
				10-12 PM SHADY LADIES BEE		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
2-5 pm WORKER BEE	9am-3:30 pm	9am-noon Continue Bazaar				
WORKER BEL	Charity Sew In	Workshop				
	**Saunders Fire	1-3 pm QUILT				
	Hall	GUILD MTG				
25	26	27	28	29		
		1PM River Queen Bee				

12253 Smith Mountain Lake Parkway, Huddleston



MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		1-4 PM STITCH & CHAT BEE				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				10-2 PM KEPT IN STITCHES BEE		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
2-5 pm Worker Bee	9am-4;00 WORKSHOP	9:30 - Noon Continue Workshop				
	* Small Bag	1-3 pm				
	Construction w/ Nadine Smith	Quilt Guild Meeting				
				29	29	30

To my fellow Lake Quilters,

Thank you does not adequately express my gratitude for the gift card! You all overwhelm me! I could not have survived my presidency without all of you! You joined me in making 2023 an outstanding year for us all as quilters. I am eternally thankful for each one of us as we venture into 2024.

Here is a quote from Marcel Proust that sums up my gratitude for you all.

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

With joy and happiness, thank you again!

Jan Emerick-Brothers



2024 CHALLENGE

2024 Challenge is a 14"X14" wall hanging in colors from the piece of candy you have taken from the "Guild Challenge Candy Bag", two or more colors from the wrapper must be used and any other colors you may want to include.

This must be completed by the Dec. luncheon and submitted by **11:15** that morning.

Contact Sharon Cullen (<u>SharonKCullen@gmail.com</u>) with any questions.



SUNSHINE UPDATE

We all like to know that our LQG members are thinking of us.



Happy or sad, please request a card from the guild for any member by either texting or phoning Ruthe at 203-645-7030 or emailing her at <u>rploskunyak@outlook.com</u>

In late January we sent speedy recovery greetings to Cicely-Sue Roth (CS Threadz and guild member) and Lorrie Wetcher (Miracle Hands). Both had recent surgeries.



Kept in Stitches Bee meets 2nd Thursday at the SML Association Meeting Room (lower level behind Old Oak Café-Rt 616 at Westlake) 10 am - 2 pm. Members work on individual projects as well as charity quilts. Call Bev Seaver (860-573-8798). Bring lunch. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Stitch & Chat Bee meets at the Moneta Library on the first Tuesday of the month from 1-4 pm. NEW MEMBERS are invited to attend for sharing and to help decide on projects (and just plain conversation!!) Cathy Scott is current point of contact (540-882-3828 and email is tcscott1693@gmail.com).

Worker Bee meets at Patmos United Methodist Church, the 3rd Sunday 2-5pm. Working on various charity projects as well as individual projects. NEW MEMBERS and others contact Jan Emerick-Brothers (703-927-1930).

Two of our Bees are full, at this time. But if you want to contact them: River Queen Bee- Sharon Cullen (540-798-3827). Shady Ladies Bee- Nadine Smith (540-721-5054)

If you have any updates If or changes for the above, contact *Judy Edgeworth:* <u>Jedgeworth49@gmail.com</u> or 540-588-0719



CHARITY REPORT

February 2024

This year the Charity Sew-In will be a **1-**½-**day** event starting on Monday, February 19, at 9:30 am until 4 pm and then continuing on Tuesday, February 20 from 9:30 am until noon. The Charity Sew-In will be held at the <u>Saunders Fire Hall</u> located at **12253 Smith Mountain Lake Parkway, Huddleston, VA 24104.**

Teams will be working on Stockings and Lap/Twin Quilt Tops. Pre-cut stocking fabric will be ready to sew, and there are pre-packaged bundles of three 1-yard cuts of fabrics from the Charity fabric stash that may be used for the lap/twin quilts. Please also bring some of your own fabric and your sewing machine for a day of Charity quilt work. If you would prefer to work on your own items, that is always ok!

The patterns we will be using for lap/twin quilt tops are **attached to this Newsletter**, are posted at <u>www.lakequilters.org</u> on the Home Page, and there will be a few copies available at the Sew-In. The patterns are:

- Boho Beach Blanket (Free Pattern)
- Devon Lap (Free Pattern)

As information, we've heard that Foster Care and Domestic shelters would like some quilts that would be appropriate for a male recipient. Consider bringing a yard of blue, green, or gray fabric that would be suitable for a quilt going to a guy.

We had the following items donated at the January Guild Meeting:

- 20 NICU Hearts
- 9 Stockings
- 5 Quilts
- 1 pet bed

The goal is for most of these items to be delivered in February.

As a reminder, we have volunteers who make the deliveries; however, <u>If you deliver any quilts or quilt</u> <u>items, please be sure to complete the LQG Charity Delivery Form and provide it to Cheryl Nylund so that</u> <u>she is able to accurately track all donated items.</u> The form may be found on <u>www.lakequilters.org</u> under the Community Service tab.

Thank You!

Communications Corner



Hi Quilters – lots of interesting events around the area as well as some that would be fun road trips!!!

New at the Moneta/SML Library – a Fiber Club Starting February 29

Fiber arts enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels are invited to learn/practice knitting, crocheting, weaving, and more, on the <u>last Thursday of each month.</u> Experts and more experienced fiber workers will get together from 3 pm to 4 pm, and beginners may join the group from 4 pm to 5 pm. Visit the library to pick up a flyer or find more information at <u>https://bedford.librarycalendar.com/event/fiber-club-knitting-crocheting-and-more-42644</u>

Gee's Bend Experience, Piedmont Arts, Martinsville, VA, Jan 27 Through March 16

Piedmont Arts will be exhibiting 43 Art quilts of Alabama's Gee's Bend Quilters. Known for its bold, improvisational designs and the use of recycled fabrics, Gee's Bend's patchwork quilting tradition began in the 19th century and continues today. The theme of this show is "Surviving Hardship Through Artistic Freedom". The show runs January 27 through March 16, 2024, and <u>admission is free</u>. Piedmont Arts is located at 215 Starling Avenue in Martinsville, VA 24112. For more information visit this link to the Piedmont Arts website: <u>https://www.piedmontarts.org/exhibits.cfm</u>

43rd Annual Smoky Mountain Quilters Show, Knoxville, TN – June 21 and 22

This show will be held at the Knoxville Expo Center. <u>**Deadline to enter quilts is April 22, 2024.</u>** More than \$6,500 in Awards – 14 categories, 14 special awards. Be sure to check out more Information and find entry forms at <u>www.smokymtnquilters.com</u> or send an email to <u>info@smokymtnquilters.com</u></u>

Virginia Quilt Museum www.vaquiltmuseum.org

Stitching Together History: 250 Quilts Commemorating the Commonwealth of Virginia

This project aims to create an exhibition featuring 250 quilts that tell the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia. These quilts will be 20" square and will be juried into the exhibition from a call for entries. The quilts must depict a person, place, event, area, idea, or thing from Virginia history. For the purpose of this project the geographic boundaries will include all of current day Virginia and West Virginia. (Until 1863 West Virginia was part of the Commonwealth of Virginia.) The time frame that can be included in this project is open ended, from the creation of the physical land that is the Commonwealth of Virginia roughly 1.5 billion years ago to the present day.

See below for more information on the themes of the project, the call for entries (**deadline to submit is September 30**, **2024**), events, resources, the exhibition, and the advisory committee. <u>Call for entries is now open!</u> If you would like to share the topic you plan to make a quilt about <u>please use this form</u>. To see the ideas others have shared take a look at <u>this list</u>. Have a question about the project? <u>Submit it here!</u> And see previously asked <u>questions and</u> <u>answers</u> here.

This project is made possible in part by funding from the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission.

<u>"Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time." —</u> <u>Unknown</u>

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QUILTSHOW

2024 June 6 & 7

Quilts For All Seasons

In just four months, we'll be toasting to the success of the LAKE QUILTERS GUILD 2024 QUILT SHOW! Here are the things we are doing to make that happen:

Receiving Quilt Submissions!

All quilt entries are due by April 16th so that we'll have time to measure our space and framing needs. Forms and the category definitions are posted on the website, and we will also have copies at each Guild Meeting. Our quilts are the heart and soul of the Quilt Show and we're looking forward to seeing your entries. We've changed our point of contact to Karen since Cathy will be traveling some this spring. You'll notice forms have been revised with Karen's contact information. (see below).



Started Collecting Boutique Donations!

Thank you for January's successful Programs Day dedicated to making items for the Boutique. This photo shows the lovely variety of items already completed. We collected around 20 items and several folks have already pledged more coming. Our goal is to collect 150-200+ items donated to the Boutique, and we will continue to collect & tag items at each monthly Guild meeting. In addition to items discussed in earlier meetings, we also recommend sewn baby items, baby size quilts, aprons, casserole carriers, and pet items. Note: we won't need more wallets in our boutique area because one of our vendor's will be "The Wallet Lady". Plus, several Guild member husbands are donating woodworking items to sell, too. If you have family members with crafting skills who would like to participate, please let us know!

Progress with Vendor Sign Ups

We have confirmation from Fork Mountain, Sparkle & Stone (a.k.a. Karen's awesome jewelry), and "The Wallet Lady". (cont'd on next page...

Progress with Vendor Sign Ups., cont'd

Her primary product is a very nice wallet, and she will also have a limited number of matching purses and wallets (about 5). She will also have dishtowels that have a crocheted top that you can hang on your oven door. We are reaching out to a few more vendors and will keep you posted.

Plan to Volunteer

The guild needs you to volunteer your time to put on a fantastic Quilt Show! Please plan to spend some quality time with your fellow guild members on either Thursday, June 6, to collect the beautiful quilts, and/or set up for the big event, on Friday, June 7 and/or Saturday, June 8, to assist on show day, or the end of the day on Saturday to return quilts and take down. Volunteer signup sheets will be available at our upcoming meetings beginning in March. Be sure to sign up to participate!

Your Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Cindy Holland, Gail McCord, Ann Swank

(Form for entering your quilt is on next page)



WAYS AND MEANS

June Surface

½ off (50%) all fabrics the month of February!!!

This section to be completed by Quilt Committee only Date Rec'd: Category: Registration #					
Quilts for All Seasons					
** Deadline for	Entries Tuesday,	April 16, 2024 **			
ALL quilts MUST have a 4" hanging sleeve (sewn or safety pinned) on back. LQG DOES NOT SUPPLY SAFETY PINS.					
ALL quilts MUST h	ALL quilts MUST have a label on the back with maker's name.				
Name of Maker:	Quilter	r			
Address:					
Phone:	Email:				
	Pattern:				
	No repeats from past shows, please.				
• Size: Width:	Length: Do	ominant Color:			
M	AXIMUM QUILT WIDTH > 1	108''			
Please select category					
Applique	SMALL: 25" to 75" wide	LARGE: 76" to 110" wide			
Modern	SMALL: 25" to 75" wide	LARGE: 76" to 110" wide			
Traditional	SMALL: 25" to 75" wide	LARGE: 76" to 110" wide			
Functional Quilted items	n/a	n/a			
Miniature	less than 24" per side	n/a			
Art Quilts	n/a				
or how you got sta	words, up to a paragraph, of what rted in quilting. Use the back or a	ttach another page.			
<u>YOU MUST SUBMIT A P</u>	<u>PHOTO OF YOUR QUILT WI</u>	<u>TH YOUR ENTRY FORM.</u>			
Quilt subjects must be	e consistent with Eastlake's Stateme	ent of Family and Faith.			
Guild to receive 25% commission	on all quilts sold. 🛛 FOR SALE \$_	or 🗌 NOT FOR SALE			
We will take every precaution to safeguard your quilt, but neither the Guild nor EastLake Community Church can be held responsible in case of loss or damage. The display area will be under the church's security alarm system at all other times.					
Maker's Signature: Date:					
EACH ITEM SUBMITTED MUST BE REGISTERED ON A SEPARATE FORM - make as many copies as you need. You may enter as many items as you like as long as the display space allows. Actual number of quilts shown may be restricted due to limited show space, and number of quilts registered in each size. If space is limited, we will contact you. Last registered may be the first eliminated.					
Please submit entry forms to:					
Karen Taylor - 1165 Ascend La., Huddleston, VA 24104 - karentaylor51@gmail.com					

LAKE QUILTERS GUILD 2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

This form is required to renew your membership each year. Dues for this year are \$30. (At-large membership \$20; defined as former member or individual interested in LQG but unable to attend meetings; wants to receive newsletter and/or participate in bees) Please make checks payable to LAKE QUILTERS GUILD and mail to: Ms. Beverly Seaver, 3310 Lakewood Forest Road, Moneta VA 24121

Name (please print)

Phone ()	Birthday	(month)	(day)

Address _____ ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Renewal Membership _____ At-Large Membership _____ New Membership _____

Please take a moment to answer the following questions (please continue on the back, if needed):

- 1) What do you like to quilt/sew? (Ex: pieced, applique, modern, small, art quilts, etc.)
- 2) What suggestions do you have for the Guild leadership team? How can we help you feel like a valued member of our Guild?
- 3) What types of programs/workshops would you like the Guild to offer?
- 4) Are you available to teach a workshop or provide a program for the Guild? If yes, please provide a description.
- 5) Are you available to serve on a committee? Check all that are of interest.

Charity	Beekeeper	Challenge	Block of the Month
Hospitality	Newsletter	Nominations	Programs
Sunshine	Ways & Means	Website	Quilt Show
Retreat			

6) Do you belong to one of the Bees? If not, are you interested in joining a Bee?

Additional Comments and Suggestions:

 Thanks for being part of the Lake Quilters Guild at Smith Mountain Lake

 Membership Only: Date Rec'd
 Cash



FEBRUARY

Monday 19 9 am to 3:30 pm WORKSHOP: Charity Sew In

The Charity Sew-In will be held at the <u>Saunders Fire Hall</u> located at **12253 Smith Mountain Lake Parkway**, Huddleston, VA 24104. *Please note change of venue*

This year the Charity Sew-In will be a two-day event focusing on Stockings and Quilt Tops (Twin & Full). Stockings have been cut and are ready to be sewn. Material & patterns are ready for quilts to be made, and more kits are available. You may also work on your own projects. We have had a request for more "manl " quilts and are asking if you have some "manly" colored/print fabric to share, please bring it.

You will be able to leave your machines & supplies overnight, as we will be working the next morning.

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- Boho Beach Blanket (Free Pattern)
- Devon Lap (Free Pattern)

Tuesday 209 am - NoonContinue Workshop1 - 3:00 pmMeeting*CHARITY SEWING*

**Also, if you have a QUILT OF HONOR that you are ready to return, please do so. We will have a table set up to receive them.



MARCH

Cost: \$5.00

Monday 18 9 am - 3:30 pm WORKSHOP: Small Bag Construction with *Nadine Smith*

<u>Material list:</u> Main Fabric 1 yard Lining Fabric 1 yard Focus Fabric 2 different fabrics 12x12 pieces for flap.

- Soft/Stable-18x24-Fusible Interfacing - 2 pieces 12x12 light to medium weight- D rings (2) 1" for strap- Swivel hooks (2) 1" for straps- Slider 1" optional for strap- Velcro 5/8" x 2" outside pocket- Button optional for front flap- Magnetic snap 3/2" optional

Note: Nadine requests that we have the pieces quilted and ready for class, she is concerned that we won't be able to finish in class if prep work is not done beforehand. If you have signed up and do not have pattern & instructions, please pick them up at this (Feb) meeting. **Sign Up Required!**

Tuesday 19	9 am - Noon	Continue Workshop	
	1 pm - 3 pm	Meeting Show off our purses.	

APRIL

Monday 15 9 am to 4 pm WORKSHOP: USING VINTAGE QUILT PIECES OR ORPHAN SQUARES TO MAKE A CONTEMPORARY QUILT

By Mary Kerr, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser

Ms. Kerr also lectures, teaches workshops, and is an author and curator.

*Saunders Fire House:12253 SML Parkway, Huddleston VA

Sign-up required. The cost of the *WORKSHOP is <mark>\$50.00</mark> and <mark>if you desire a kit the cost is \$30.00. (You must indicate this at sign up so sufficient kits will be available!)</mark>

Tuesday 199 am - NoonQuilt Appraisals by Mary Kerr

*Bedford Water Authority 1500 Radford Church Road, Moneta-note change of venue

YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR TIME SLOT. \$25 for verbal evaluation, \$75 for written insurance appraisal. Sign up at meeting or contact Flo Hayes at <u>hayesflorence530@gmail.com</u>

1 pm – 3 pm Mary Kerr will speak about using vintage quilts & orphan blocks to make contemporary quilts. She will bring examples.



MAY May 21

Tuesday 1:00 pm

Bedford Water Authority

Kristen Horne, Volunteer Coordinator for Carillion Clinic Hospice will bespeaking to us about her work with Hospice as well as about quilt items they need.

The Charity Committee plans to hace a few of our donated items for her to take back with her.

JUNE

June 18 Tuesday 1:00 pm

Bedford Water Authority

Anita Lowe, Manager Bedford Hospice (part of Centra Health) will be speaking to us about her work with Hospice as well as giolt items they need.

The Charity Committee plans to have a few of our donated items for Anita to take back with her.



COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND HELP BRING JOY TO THE CHILDREN OF DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

WHEN: March 6,2024 (Wednesday) 10:00am – 4:00pm

WHERE: Bedford Water Authority
 Smith Mountain Lake Water Treatment Facility
 Meeting Room
 1500 Radford Church Road
 Moneta, VA 24121

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sewing Machine
- Basic Sewing Supplies (thread, scissors, and all the things that make you the confident quilter that you are)
- If you have a cutting mat and rotary cutter that you would like to bring, that would be great. We will be setting up a general cutting station for all to use, but a small personal one on your worktable might be nice.
- Small travel iron and ironing mat. We will be setting up a general ironing station for all to use, but a small personal one on your worktable might be nice.
- Power strip for multiple items to plug in not required, but helpful.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE DAY, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH HELP AND TIME AS YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO GIVE.

THANK YOU!

Contact: Arlene Blackburn with any questions. (901)489-9193/arleneblackburn@shentel.net

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2024 CORE EVENTS!!!!

GET "S_____" Done DAYs! April 6th and 7th,2024. 8am to? Lunch on your own.

Saunders Fire Hall, 12253 Smith Mountain Lake Parkway, Huddleston VA 24104

This is a Saturday and Sunday commuter Retreat. Come and sew all day for \$5.00 fee for both days to cover cost. You may invite non-guild members for a \$10.00 fee. These fees are to cover the cleaning costs set by the fire hall. Since we are a c3 group now, please, <u>INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR THE FUN!</u> Sign-up sheet is coming soon.

At SML/Moneta Library

May 4 2024. Saturday 12:30 set up Program 1-?

LQG members will be exploring how to make a Basket Block with all those who are interested. More information to follow on specifics.

June 13,2024 Thursday 4:30 set up program at 5-?

LQG members will be exploring how to make Crayon Batik fabric blocks with all those who are interested. More information to follow on specifics.

??'s Jan Emerick-Brothers email: <u>scooter brandy@Hotmail.com</u>. (space is an underscore 😂

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New Selection of Cottons beginning this month!!!



Did you know?

As a member of our Guild, you may place a *For Sale* ad in our monthly newsletter for your quilt or craft related hardware.

Ads are free to members and will appear in the newsletter for three months but can be renewed upon request. You may include a photo.

Email your ads to the Editor. WORD format only, please Photos in JPG

LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 6, 2024

ATTENDEES:

- Fran Strumph Secretary, Raffle Quilt
- Janet Webster Publicity, Charity, and Quilt Show
- Arlene Blackburn President-elect
- Veronica Church Treasurer
- Bev Seaver Membership
- Gail McCord Quilt Show
- Jan Emerick-Brothers Past President
- Flo Hayes Programs
- Jan Brockman Challenge 2024
- Judy Edgeworth Bee Keeper

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Jan Emerick-Brothers.

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report- None

Treasurer's Report – Veronica

- Veronica presented the 2024 Budget/Actual report, which included the Quilt Show's budget.
- The Guild has a balance of \$10579.04, of which \$10,342.56 is available, and \$236.48 is left over from 2023 Retreat.
- Arlene has the 2023 financial records from Veronica and the financial review will be completed on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Retreat – Veronica

- The \$100 deposit has been paid to the 4-H Center, and sign-ups for the retreat will begin at the February Guild meeting.
- It will be a "no Frills" retreat less giveaways and door prizes, but essentially the same as previous years.

Veronica made a motion to accept the 2024 Budget statements, and the Retreat plans, Bev seconded and the motion was carried.

Operation Kid Comfort – Arlene Blackburn

- Will occur on March 6 at the Bedford Water Authority.
- Arlene has posted information on Facebook and would like an eBlast sent to the membership.
- The event will be videoed, rather than a Facebook Live, and will be edited before being posted.
- Arlene may invite members of the Star City Guild to join us.

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Membership – Bev

- There are 62 renewed members as of today, and Bev expects more renewals at the February meeting.
- February is the deadline for renewals, to be able to be in the membership directory, and receive the newsletter.
- The directory will go out in late February or March in an eBlast.
- Bev has created a new Welcome letter for new members that will be emailed, along with a copy of the latest newsletter and by-laws. Bev made a motion to approve the Welcome letter, Veronica seconded, and the motion was carried.

Programs – Flo

- Flo was able to contact Julia-Quiltoff Julia will not be able to do a program this year, but has committed to next year.
- May program will be a speaker from Carilion Clinic Hospice (Kristin).
- June program will be Anita from Bedford Hospice. These two programs will highlight where our donations go to those organization, and how they are used.
- We discussed how to invite other guilds' members (e.g., Star City Guild) to our April program with Mary Kerr
 Janet will get Star City contact information to Flo.
- We may explore co-sponsoring some future programs, with more expensive speakers, with other local guilds.
- The February 19-20 charity sew-in and meeting will be held at Saunders Fire Hall. Jan will send out an eBlast to remind members of the location change.
- The March meeting will be Monday (all day) and Tuesday (morning), at the Water Authority, and will feature Nadine Smith teaching and making purses.

New Activities/Ideas – Kari Sebens not here – Jan will reach out to her.

BOM – Patti Lively and Marion Serge not here, Jan will follow up.

Charity – Janet

- Plans for the sew-in are ready with plans, kits, and patterns. Focus is on stockings, and bed-sized quilts. Hours will be 9:30-4 on Monday, and 9:30-12 on Tuesday, followed by our meeting.
- Members are asked to bring some "masculine" fabric.
- Committee will be making deliveries in the next two weeks.

Publicity/Web/501c3 – Janet

- Nothing new

Hospitality – Marion not here, Jan reporting

- More committee members needed.
- There will be a cake for our February meeting.

Challenge – Jan Brockman

- The 2024 challenge will be to make a 14" x 14" wall hanging using 2 or more of the colors of a candy wrapper that you will pick.
- 22 members have signed up so far.
- 1 entry per person, and must be entered by 11:45 am on day of luncheon.

Newsletter

- Jan Brockman has agreed to chair the newsletter, with help from Bev and another person TBD.
- Deadline for the February Newsletter is 2/10.

CORE – Jan Emerick-Brothers

- Get Stuff Done Days (a commuter retreat) April 6-7 at the Saunders Fire Hall. There will be a \$5 fee for members and \$10 for non-members, to defray costs.
- May 4 Making a backet block 1pm at the SML Moneta library
- June 13 Crayon Batik Fabric 5pm at the SML Moneta Library
- Bus trip is in the works to the VA quilt Museum, with stops at Patchwork Plus in Dayton, and possibly a winery in Fincastle.

Bees – Judy Edgeworth

- Judy has contacted all 5 bees and will get something in the newsletter for March regarding what each bee is up to.
- May highlight different bees during the year, perhaps the month they display.
- BEE MEMBERS MUST BE GUILD MEMBERS OR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE TO BELONG TO A BEE.

Ways and Means – June Surface not present

Quilt Show – Gail McCord

- Quilt submissions are coming in, contact person is Karen Taylor.
- There will be a 25% commission to the Guild if a member wants to sell a quilt at show.
- There are definitions of quilt categories on the website and in the newsletter.
- Regarding non-member submissions: Members will get top priority; if there is space remaining, non-members may get to submit, but do not want to overload the show.
- Whether there will be a Kid's category is being discussed.
- Boutique: there was a good showing at the January event, with lots of variety.
 - Focus needs to be on variety and plenty of small-ticket items.
- Vendors: applications are coming in; Fork Mountain has agreed on a double space. There will be at most 6 vendors. There is a woman who makes beautiful wallets.
- Need worker sign ups. Arlene suggested an app: signup.com for signing up shifts.
- Donation quilt to the church has been completed by Bev and is at Cathy Fandel's for quilting. Cathy has agreed to donate her quilting fee.
- Advertising has begun.

Old Business

Strategy Session – Janet and Joy

- Janet showed the presentation that Jan and Veronica will make to guild members in February summarizing the suggestions and feedback from January meeting.

Raffle Quilt – Fran

- To date, have sold 1351 tickets for a total of \$1126, and net income of \$800.49.
- SMAC event 10am-3pm on May 11, will sign up for 2-hour shifts at our table.
- This event will be under the tent, but in future sales events, Jan Emerick-Brothers has two canopies for us to use.
- Arlene has a stand to donate to us to use to display the quilt at SMAC event and others.
- Sign-up sheets will be at the February meeting for the SMAC event, CS Threadz event in May, and Kroger.

Storage Unit

- This item tabled until after the Quilt Show.

Job Description Revisions are due by April to Joy

New Business

Communication Strategy

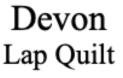
 Needs to be a long-term strategy for communicating to members and the general public. This is tabled until September, after the quilt show.

SMAC Liaison –

- Kathleen Riordan has agreed to be our liaison.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.









Approximate Lap Quilt Size: 501/2" x 641/4"

Design by Wendy Sheppard Skill Level: Beginner Number of Blocks: 12 Block Size: 12" x 12" (finished)

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