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**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: November 21st**

Please send all announcements, ads, information, etc. to:

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## November Program:

Sarah Bliss Wright is our November speaker.

She will make presentations to the **Night and Day chapters** (Nov 10th & 11th) on "Alabama Cotton and Bemis Bags" (feed sacks into quilts) and "The Mt. Ida Quilt Project." (More info on page 5)

- **Tuesday, Nov. 11th, LOCATION change due to Veterans Day closure of Oceanview Senior Center. Substitute Location MILES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 9450 GRANBY ST, NORFOLK (Driving Instructions on page 5)**
- **Saturday Chapter:** (Nov 1st) Linda Hall will be demonstrating how to make hexagons out of circles.
- **Drawing for the Raffle Quilt will be @ the Monday Evening meeting (11-10-**

Date (2014)	Meeting	Place
Saturday November 1st	SAT CHAPTER (First Sat of the month) Social 9:00-10:00 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m.	A PLACE FOR GIRLS 912 Cedar Road, Chesapeake
Monday November 10th	(Second Monday of the month) Social 6:30, Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Community United Methodist 1072 Kempsville Rd., Va Beach
<b>Tuesday November 11th</b>	(Second Tuesday of the month) Social 9:30, Meeting 10:00	<b>Miles Memorial United Methodist Church 9450 Granby St., Norfolk</b>
Thursday November 13th	Executive Board Meeting Thursday the week of Night Chapter 6:45 p.m.	Community United Methodist 1072 Kempsville Rd., Va Beach

### Visit Our WEBSITE

<http://www.tqgva.org>

Be sure to visit our TQG website at the address above. It is a great source of information about the Tidewater Quilters' Guild and is also beautifully designed and maintained. Thank you, **Katherine Bucher!**

You can also download the new MEMBERSHIP ROSTER from the website. Thank you, **Jackie Brown** for publishing that!

Everything you need to know about quilt shops in the local area, members who offer long arm quilting and other services as well as all program information is on the **TQG website**.

The "Members Only" area is accessible with the password on the back of your 2014-15 membership card.

### Message from President

#### Betts Werbiskis

I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather. Hard to believe by the time you receive this Newsletter, Turkey Day will be right around the corner.

Where has the year gone? I am really looking forward to Sara Wright's talk both Monday night and Tuesday morning. Make sure you check Denise McCue's notes on the Day chapter **AS WE HAVE HAD TO MOVE THE MEETING**.

The Raffle Quilt will have a new home in November and the new quilt will be revealed. Carol Dull tells me it is stunning. I know you all will be pleased with the hard work Carol's Bee has done. My sewing machine is calling me so I will catch up with you all later. *—Betts*

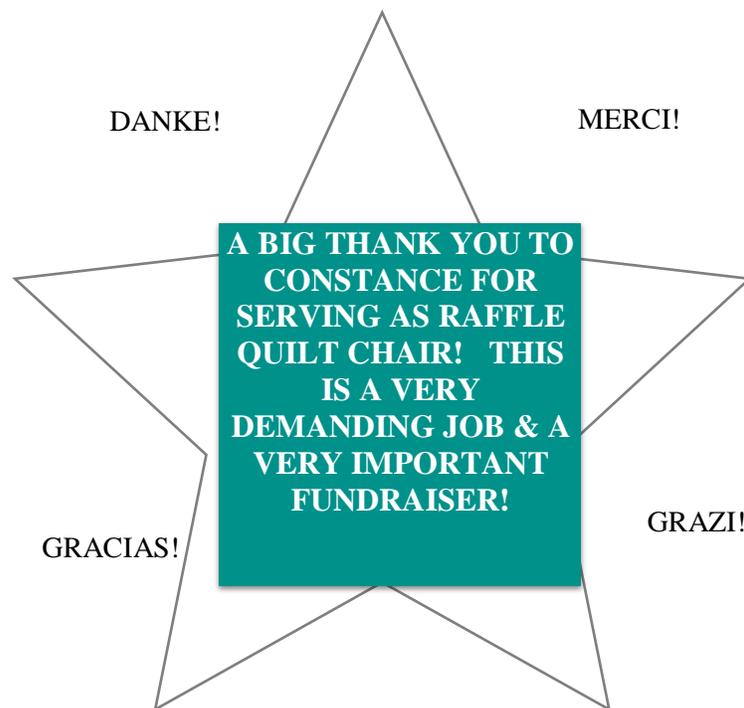
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## Last call for TQG Raffle Quilt Tickets!!!!

**October was the final month** to get raffle quilt tickets unless you make **special arrangements** with Constance Spotts or the chapter ticket quilters.

The drawing is during night chapter **November 10th**. Please send any responses to [constance.spotts@gmail.com](mailto:constance.spotts@gmail.com) 904-233-429

Raffle Quilt "Feel the Rhythm" will be raffled off during the Night Chapter



Meeting (Nov 10).

We are creating a quilted banner to hang during special events, i.e. Mid-Atlantic, Hunter House, Spring Market, Gosport. I have six pieced blocks left for those interested, please contact Constance ([constance.spotts@gmail.com](mailto:constance.spotts@gmail.com)). For those who picked them up already, please remember to wash the dyed fabric (color) to set the dye. It will be used for the letter. Bring finished block to Nov meeting.

Thank you all for the support for the Raffle Quilt and special products. It was your help that made the **raffle quilt appraised at \$2975 possible**.

*Thank you, Constance*

PROGRAM PREVIEW **by Ann Walls**

**Sarah Bliss Wright** will be making two different presentations

• **Monday Night Chapter (Nov 10): The Mt. Ida Quilt Project: "One Community, Two Quilts, Three Centuries"**

In 1851, twelve women of the Mt. Ida community in rural Alabama created a floral album quilt as a wedding gift to a young bride and groom, each signing her square with her name and the name of her plantation home. For the 2014 Quilt Study of the American Quilt Study Group, thirteen women who live on or near the same land as the original quilt makers re-created the quilt, one-quarter of the original size, staying as true to the original as possible in construction and design, and recreating the sense of community that existed 163 years ago. Each 21st century woman adopted the square of the 19th century woman who lived closest to her present home.

• **Tuesday Day Chapter (Nov 11) : "Alabama Cotton and Bemis Bags: Pieced into Quilt History"**

From 1929 until 1980, Bemis Bro. Bag Company operated a cotton mills and bag plants in the center of two mill villages called Bemiston, Alabama, and Bemis, Tennessee. Bemis, at that time the largest cotton bag manufacturer in the United States, influenced the textile industry as a whole through innovative research, development, and marketing. Few quilters are aware of the significant role that Alabama cotton played, through Bemis bags, in providing feed sacks for the nation in the second quarter of the twentieth century.

BIO: Sarah Bliss Wright [SarahBlissWright@gmail.com](mailto:SarahBlissWright@gmail.com)



Company in Talladega, Alabama. In 2013, Sarah was selected to present her research, "Alabama Cotton and Bemis Bags; Pieced into Quilt History," to the American Quilt Study Group, and the paper was published in *Uncoverings* 2013. She was curator for "Our Quilted Past" at Louisiana's Old State Capitol Museum in Baton Rouge (February 2014) and in Shreveport, Louisiana (October 2014). Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Samford University (Birmingham, AL) and studied at the University of Exeter, England as a



Day Chapter Speaker from October:

- [Colette Rosemary Boring](#).

Alabama native Sarah Bliss Wright spent thirty years in performing arts before quilts captured her attention. Though she grew up surrounded by quilts, it was not until 2006 that the idea of turning her talents to textile art was born. In 2012, she was curator for "Our Quilted Past," an exhibit of Alabama feed sack quilts and Bemis Bro. Bag

Rotary International Fellow. As a quilt historian, she was selected to be a "Road Scholar" by the Alabama Humanities Foundation and is a popular lecturer on the subject of feed sack quilts. A member of American Quilt Study Group, she lives in Mobile, Alabama.

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## PROGRAM PREVIEW, continued

**FEBRUARY 2015.** **Lola McCracken** will be sharing her knowledge of Molas with us and will bring her collection that she has brought back from Panama where she has a residence. Molas are handcrafted, decorative reverse appliques made by the Kuna Indigenous peoples in the San Blas Islands of Panama. Lola lived with a clan of Kunas on an island in San Blas for a week and traveled around to the other islands by dugout canoe in order to purchase the Molas. Artists have come to treasure these appliques and have found creative ways to incorporate them into their artwork, including quilts. Molas appear in museums around the world, including the Smithsonian. American Quilter magazine published an article Lola wrote in their Fall 2007 issue of AQS. Lola will also bring the wall hanging she created using Molas. Members will have an opportunity to make a reverse applique design.

**MARCH 2015.** **Suzi Parron** who has published two books on barn quilts will present slide shows of barns and the stories behind the quilts. I have been following her on Facebook and they are gorgeous. Suzi's Website: <http://www.barnquiltinfo.com>

**OCTOBER 2015.** **Jane Hall** was scheduled to come to our guild several years ago but had to cancel due to her husband's illness. We have, at last, rescheduled her visit. She will conduct a workshop called Pineapples Plus on October 17. Registration will be open in August 2015. Night chapter lecture: Painless Pieced Borders. Day Chapter lecture: Firm Foundations Updated. Her web site is <http://www.janehallquilts.com/index.php>

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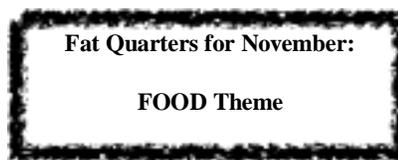
### TQG Chapter Minutes for October

**SATURDAY CHAPTER-** None submitted

#### MONDAY EVENING CHAPTER

October 13,

2014



**Tammy Halstead**, In Diane Bennett's absence, opened the meeting at 7:00 welcoming members and guests. Next, members with October birthdays were celebrated by a round of the Happy Birthday song and an invitation for each to go during the break and get a free magazine.

Next, Tammy introduced our speaker, **Al Hunt**. Al had a varied and impressive bio to include sewing machine technician for 33 years, educator, author, certified Bernina Technician and National Trainer for Bernina of America, and consultant for NASA working on projects for the space station and manned flight to Mars. Al had serviced over 34,000 sewing machines of all types, although he specializes in Berninas. Al gave us a wonderfully interesting and informative lecture and slide

show on how we can keep our machine in good working order between service visits.

**Constance Spotts** reminded us that the drawing for the winner of the current raffle quilt will be pulled at the November meeting. She also made kits for members to take home and make letters to put together to create a guild banner.

**Ann Walls** announced that our night chapter meeting next month will be presented by Sara Wright on the Mount Ida Project. Due to hosting the homeless **the meeting will take place in the sanctuary.**

We finished up with our popular **Show & Tell**

TUESDAY DAY CHAPTER MINUTES Oct. 14, 2014 NUMBER OF MEMBERS- 70 GUESTS -2

**NOVEMBER MEETING TO BE HELD at MILES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,**

**9450 GRANBY ST, NORFOLK**

- **Denise McCue** opened the meeting with an announcement that Oceanview Senior Center was sponsoring a **shoe collection**. Please bring shoe donations to November meeting.
- Candy collection for this October meeting was good. Thank you to all members who contributed. Total: 26 bags for Fall Festival.
- **Treasurer's report** \$567.44 total at this time.
- **Programs: Colette Rosemary Boring. Her shop is called "Quilter's Nook" located in Boynton, VA. She is the creator of "Press and Peel Appliqué." It is pattern specific. Colette said it is like paint by number but with fabric. You can get more information on her website which is PennyStateDesigns.com. You can request a free sample on her website. Also go to coboring@kerrlake.com, to see what "Penny Slate Designs" is all about.**
- **It is coming! Spring Fling! Karen Bastone** announced that it will be **May 9, 2015**. Same place, 2014-bethel Baptist church. Mark it on your calendars. Volunteers are needed. Please call Karen or email her. 757-650-4641. [embroideryqueen@cox.net](mailto:embroideryqueen@cox.net).
- There are still **quilt pins** available from previous years for \$5 each. See **Mary Hormel**.
- Library: we now have the **red books**.
- **Magazines:** were 7 for \$1. Can't beat that bargain.
- **Linus: Collier Webb** is not taking anymore fabric donation. She simply has no more space.
- **Free Table: Leia Nasholts** was not present. She was preparing to get married next month. Best wishes to Leia and her fiance!
- At the **December meeting** there will be a small raffle for scissor bracelets. Ticket will be 2/\$1.
- Show and Tell followed and then the **YARD SALE!**
- Special thanks to **Mardel Hiner** who sold more than 40 quilt raffle tickets with **Denise** at the Norfolk Recreation Centers Annual Fish Fry.
- Keep the block of the month, lucky buck, fat quarters, and 2 1/2 inch strips coming.
- Remember --- next month is **RED** for strips and fat quarters

**\* Driving Directions to Miles Memorial United Methodist Church , 9450 Granby St., Norfolk. Nov 11th.**

If taking 64 East exit at Granby St. (460 E) . On your right you will pass a cemetery, Northside Middle School, and a golf course. Be on the look out for Battersea Rd.. You will see the church parking lot, on your **RIGHT**, then the church. Turn before you see the church building. Please go to the **BACK** of the building to park.

--December 9th will find us back at the Senior Center for our last meeting at that location.

New location for DAY Chapter meetings beginning January 13, 2015.

Virginia Heights Baptist Church, 1251 Kempsville Rd. VA Beach. ( Between NorthHampton and Virginia Beach Blvd.)

A Great room with tables and easy parking. In order to secure this wonderful location we needed to change the day meetings to **MONDAYS**.

**TQG Membership Jackie Brown, TQG Membership Chairperson [tqgmembership@cox.net](mailto:tqgmembership@cox.net)**

Current 2014-2015 membership is 314.



**Welcome new members!** During first time registration, you should have received a TQG pin. For members that have mailed in their forms, please see me or one of the chapter coordinators to get your pin. You should have also received an email from me with a welcome letter and the current newsletter, and a copy of the constitution. If you did not, please let me know. All documents are available for download on our website, [www.tqgva.org](http://www.tqgva.org), in the members section. The current password is sewwhat12.

**New members**

#2735	Cartledge	Brenda	1530 Taylors Lane	Norfolk	VA	23503
#2736	Lang	Robert	1811 Croyden Road	Norfolk	VA	23503
#2737	Hinsch	Alice	717 Georgia Avenue	Norfolk	VA	23508
#2738	Price	Darlene	111 Harbor Watch Road	Chesapeake	VA	23320
#2739	Mc Neill	Sheila	436 Vanette Drive	Chesapeake	VA	23322
#2740	Beville	Beth	694 Coquina Lane	Va Beach	VA	23451
#2741	Carolyn	Clark	2228 Mill Crossing Drive #117	Va Beach	VA	23454
#2742	Lynn	Smith	4813 - A Lake Drive	Va Beach	VA	23455
#2743	Gene	Payne	1620 Laurel Avenue	Chesapeake	VA	23325
#2744	Janis	Drum	590 Nansemond Crescent	Portsmouth	VA	23707
#2745	Lynda	Shaw	2540 West Bugle Drive	Chesapeake	VA	23321
#2746	Penny	Abbott	400 E. Hill Lane	Chesapeake	VA	23322
#2747	Naomi	Butler	4161 Rainbow Drive	Virginia Beach	VA	23456



**Renewal process** - I believe I have received everything that was sent/given/or mailed. **If you did not include a SASE with your renewal forms, you will need to pick up your membership cards from the day or Saturday chapter meetings from Ann Walls, and the night guild meeting from me.**



**Constant Contact** - We had great success with sending out the October newsletter via Constant Contact. We no longer have issues with Cox Communications considering our newsletters as spam! YAY! The Constant Contact logo is at the bottom of every email. One member reported us as spam, I have no clue who that was – just know that our emails are sent from [tqgmembership@cox.net](mailto:tqgmembership@cox.net) via Constant Contact, and it is legit. I have had one person unsubscribe ([ssmccormick@aol.com](mailto:ssmccormick@aol.com)) and three that have bounced: [webb25@cox.net](mailto:webb25@cox.net), [cynpine@gmail.com](mailto:cynpine@gmail.com), [equilt@cox.net](mailto:equilt@cox.net). Several that has never opened the email.



**Newsletter** - I send out the completed newsletters to guild members. If you want to place an ad in the newsletter, please send the article to [tqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:tqgnewsletter@gmail.com). Newsletter editor, Lola McCracken.



**Roster** - The new roster has been posted (end of October) and sent to everyone in .pdf format.

## Spring Fling

Quilters, save the date: **Spring Fling** will be **May 9, 2015**. Spring Fling is a time to have fun while learning a new skill. Spring fling will not happen by itself. You are needed!!! Contact me (**Karen Bastone**) at [embroiderqueen@cox.net](mailto:embroiderqueen@cox.net) or 757-650-4641. Let me know what you want to help with.

These are the ladies who run the chapter meetings and keep everything running smoothly for the GUILD at large. They volunteer their time and talents to make certain that each member's experience is worthwhile. Tell them "thank you" occasionally and also think about how you can be involved in the coming year as a volunteer.

CHAPTER OFFICERS	COORDINATOR	PROGRAMS	SECRETARY	TREASURER	MEMBER AT LARGE
SATURDAY CHAPTER	Pam Traynham	Chris McMahon, Leora Nordstrom	Linda Yeager	Linda Jeter	Nancy Zarse
MONDAY EVENING CHAPTER	Diane Bennett	Tammy Halstead	Faye Hannah	Karen Levine	Margo Bavry Carol Fels
TUESDAY DAY CHAPTER	Denise McCue	Diane Beavers	Mary Ellen Roemer	Debbie Williams	Sandy Frances, Lynn Valos

Opportunities for Service: [Quilts of Valor](#)



Be sure to pick up squares to sew at your chapter meeting. These quilts that members sew and donate mean a lot to those wounded warriors and veterans who receive them.

Members' Announcements:

I will have tickets available for the **Virginia Beach Chorale Annual Christmas Program** "Sing We Now of Christmas" at the Sandler Center on December 15, 2014 at 7:30pm. Adults \$18, Seniors/Military \$15, Students \$12. Individuals and families may also contribute donations and sponsorships. Also see me for placement of ads in our program. [phoenx707@aol.com](mailto:phoenx707@aol.com). Mkiwa Khalid

**The Hunter House** will be hosting a **Christmas Mart** on November 22. The hours are 10 am to 4 pm.

**Cindy Reno** will represent the Guild.

Since the space is small, Cindy has offered to sell any quilted items for the members.

Please contact Cindy at 497-6330.



Presents



**2015 Quilt Show**  
**The Berglund Center Exhibit Hall**  
 (formerly the Roanoke Civic Center)  
**710 Williamson Road**  
**Roanoke, Virginia**

<b>Friday, May 1</b>	<b>9am-6pm</b>
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>

Judged Quilt Show	Viewers' Choice
Featured Artist	Door Prizes
Bed Turning	Vendors

Over 150 Quilts will be on display including Star Quilters Guild Challenge quilts

Admission: \$7.00, Children 12 and under free  
 Find out more: [www.starquilters.org](http://www.starquilters.org)



**LINUS** workshop dates are as follows:

All are on Saturdays from 10 am until 3 PM. All required materials are supplied.

- November 22, 2014 - Nancy's Calico Patch, Hidenwood Shopping Center, Newport News
- NO DECEMBER MEETING
- January 31, 2015 - Woodlawn Funeral Home, VA. Beach Blvd, Norfolk

Sadly, Project Linus must announce that, due to storage constraints, it is no longer accepting donations of fabric or non-cotton batting. You have been so generous to PL that it is necessary that what is on hand be used up before there is room to store any more. Thanks for understanding, **Collier Webb**, Norfolk area PL Coordinator

Our bee is in need of members. **Piece O Work Bee** meeting in Norfolk off Little Creek Road is going to a daytime meeting and looking for new members. We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month from 2-4 PM. Please call Shirley Reitelbach 588-4046.

**Quilts by Master Quilt Janice Streeter**

**For Sale.** Four to choose from. Last verbal appraisal was \$8,0000 each prior to her passing. To view the quilts and/or make an offer, please contact Lori Streeter at

**757-777-5541**



# Tidewater Quilters' Guild

## Application for Membership

**Dues: \$25 (Annual Membership is September 1 to August 31)**

Make checks payable to: TQG, Inc. (For duplicate membership card, add 50¢ or total of \$25.50)

(Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your membership card mailed to you.)

New Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Have you EVER been a member of TQG? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number to be printed in roster: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (for TQG messages & newsletter also see website: www.tqgva.org)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (Month/Day): \_\_\_\_\_

I attend chapter meeting: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Current Skill Level: Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Virginia Consortium of Quilters (VCQ)? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

I wish to be placed on the member related services list (quilting services only). If so, attach a business card or write on the reverse of this form how you would like the information to appear. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If you have an idea for a program, teacher, class or an event you would like our guild to sponsor, check this box and write idea on the reverse side.

I hereby grant the Tidewater Quilters' Guild permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or other consideration.  
  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only
Date: _____
Amount paid: \$ _____
Cash \$ _____ or Check # _____
<b>Membership Card:</b>
Mailed _____ Held _____ Direct _____
<b>After registered:</b>
Pin (new only) _____ Bylaws _____
Newsletter _____ Other _____
Entered in database _____

**I Am Willing To Participate:**  
(mark those that interest you)

\_\_\_ Board Member  
\_\_\_ Committee Member  
\_\_\_ Demonstrator  
\_\_\_ Helper  
\_\_\_ Hostess for out of town visitors  
\_\_\_ Program  
\_\_\_ Presenter at Guild Meeting  
\_\_\_ Workshop Teacher

Please bring this form to a chapter meeting or mail to Membership Chairperson:  
Jackie Brown 2913 Old Glory Road. Virginia Beach, VA 23453

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