

SEW WHAT

Published Monthly by the Tidewater Quilters' Guild, Inc. www.tqgva.org

PROGRAM PREVIEW

Editor: Lola McCracken

SATURDAY CHAPTER April 4, 2015*

“DECONSTRUCTING SHIRTS” FOR YARDAGE
Deconstructing a shirt for fabric, cutting for precuts, recycling the shirt. Even though it is Easter weekend, we will still meet the first Saturday of the month, April 4th.

MONDAY DAY CHAPTER April 13, 2015 *

Al Hunt will talk about the **History of Featherweight Sewing Machines.** Bring your Featherweight!

MONDAY EVENING CHAPTER April 13, 2015 *

Cory Langley will give a unique perspective of how the world uses fabric arts.

*For more information see Ann Hall's column on page 4 or check out the Chapter minutes & notes.

Table of Contents

Program Preview. 1

President's Corner 2

Saturday Chapter. 3

Monday Day Chapter. . . 4

Monday Night Chapter 5

PROGRAMS. 6

Membership 7

Community Service 7

Quilt Show Winners. . . . 7

EVENTS, Raffle Quilt & Linus Donations. 8

TQG Website and Facebook pages 9

Classifieds 10

Date	Meeting	Location
First Sat 4/4/2015	Sat Chapter	A Place for Girls, 912 Cedar Rd. Chesapeake
Second Mon. 4/13/2015	Day Chapter	Va Heights Baptist 1251 Kempsville Rd, Norfolk
Second Mon. 4/13/2015	Evening Chapter	Community United Methodist 1072 Old Kempsville Rd., Va Beach



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Spring!!

My bulbs and pansies are blooming and the trees are turning green. Does that mean no more Winter? Sure hope so.



•Spring Fling

will be here soon. Please sign up. Classes are filling and we

will have a lovely time. I don't want you to miss the fun. The committee has been working hard and needs your help. Please buy your **Block for the Block Drawing**. It is very pretty and will make a wonderful quilt. **Bring your fat quarters for the door prizes**. We have some beautiful ones and they need friends.

- I was at **Nancy's Calico Patch** today and heard their good news. They are moving in May to a wonderful location right off the J Clyde Morris Blvd exit off 64. Big class room and lots of parking and interesting restaurants close by. I'm sure Al Hunt will answer any questions you have at the Day Chapter meeting.
- I have also heard that **Fabric Hut** is reorganizing their shelves. Looking forward to the new look.
- **Sarah's Thimble** has enlarged her space and has lots more fabric. Best of all she is now carrying wool. As far as I know Sarah's is the

only store in the area carrying wool. If you have never worked with wool, it is a real treat.

- I loved the presentations about **Barn Quilts**. I have several friends who are artists and I may be lucky enough to have one hung on my chimney. Now I have to decide which block and what colors.



- The **Raffle Quilt** tickets are selling well. Carole has had pictures made for you to take with books of tickets to sell to your friends.
- Speaking of the Raffle Quilt. **We need a Bee or group to step up to making the next quilt**. November will be here soon so we need to get working on the new quilt. Call me or Carole Dull if you are interested.
- Now is the time to look to **elections in June**. There are **positions available in the Chapters and the Board**. We cannot operate the Guild without these positions filled. We love doing these jobs but we need to have others move into leadership roles. Please think about your skills and talk with Me, Diane, Denise or Pam.

Have a lovely Easter and Passover and I look forwards to seeing you at the April meetings.

—Betty

SATURDAY CHAPTER MINUTES

Linda Yeager, TQG Sat. Chapter Secretary

24 members, 4 guests

The Saturday Chapter was called to order by

Pam Traynham: She reminded us that there are still several openings for volunteers for next years Saturday Chapter committee members. She stated that descriptions of the various positions and their attendant responsibilities are to be found in the old printed rosters and online.

Volunteers for the positions should contact her; voting will take place in May, and the member will start their duties in July.

Diane Bennett talked briefly about next year's **Mancuso quilt show**, asking for ideas for next year's theme. She put forth a suggestion about song titles with a color in the title: Blue Suede Shoes, Roses are Red (My Love), Green Tambourine, Nights in White Satin...you get the idea. She is also looking for ideas for the challenge quilts.

P.S. If you're looking for a long-arm, she has one for sale, please contact her.

Catie Traynham is collecting aluminum soda can **pop-tops** for **Shriner's Hospital**. Each tab is worth one minute of treatment for a sick child (all 20 U.S. hospitals now bill insurance companies and charge some families copayments, care is no longer free to all, so this helps the hospital defray costs). She (and Pam) are also accepting **any size quilts** for the kids (from newborn to about age 12).

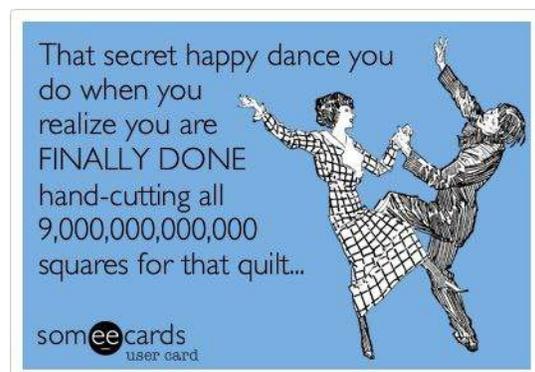
Laurie Ames is continuing to collect **any size fabric** for **Spring Fling:** fat quarters, fat

eighths, etc. Also baskets or pretty ribbon to tie up the fabric into packets. Please contact her.

The program in April will be on deconstructing shirts for yardage and/or cutting out the usual precuts at the same time. There will also be information (websites) on turning a shirt into a skirt, apron, or child's dress. ****Even though April 4th takes place during Easter weekend, we will still have our meeting on the first Saturday of the month. ****

In May, Davis Main will present another class on making a **nontraditional 4-patch**. You will need four fabrics with at least one light and one dark fabric (for contrast). This will make about forty 6 1/2" blocks. A handout with more info will be given out during April's meeting if you want to precut your fabric.

There was a brief **Show and Tell**, with many members heading over to help with the Girl Scouts' "Project Pillowcase" for homeless youths. There was great amount of energy displayed with girls of all ages assisting in the project during both sessions. A big **THANK YOU to our guild members that helped them achieve 83 pillowcases in the two sessions.**



TIDEWATER QUILTERS GUILD DAY CHAPTER MINUTES

March 9, 2015

91 MEMBERS; GUESTS 6 (one guest was from the UK visiting)

MEETING NOTES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Denise McCue opened the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were excepted as reported in the newsletter.

-Denise recognized and greeted our visiting guests.

-We were happy to have Millie Johnson with us today.

-March birthdays were recognized and invited to pick a free magazine.

-It was announced that there were various positions available for next year:

Program Person
Membership
Patterns

-Carole Dull said that 1218 tickets were sold at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show! Great Job

-Treasurer's report: Balance is \$520.65

-Collier Webb announced Linus will meet @ Larchmont UMC , March 21st from 10-3

-Spring Fling - May 9th.

PROGRAM

Suzi Parron who wrote *Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement* was our guest and what a fascinating history she gave us. Her stories of each barn quilt were humorous, warm, personal and so entertaining! What a great program.

April's program will be Al Hunt. If you have a featherweight and would like to bring it you may.

Show and Tell as always was great. The snow kept everyone in the house and quilting!

-- Jane Shoemaker (for Mary Ellen Roemer)

DAY CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOW over 90 members came to our meeting this month!!!

Since we want a safe environment for our meetings we will change to chairs for our APRIL meeting and see how that works out. The seats near the door will be saved for those with mobility issues, wheelchair users in particular.

Purple is the color for strips and fat quarters. Remember only 7 --2 1/2" strips.

Al Hunt will be talking about Singer Featherweight machines. Bring your machine to the meeting so we can take a group pic of the machines.

Be sure to bring your finished lucky buck block and Block of the Month to the meeting and you may be the lucky winner of the blocks.

SEE you all in APRIL.

REMEMBER WE need you to make OUR chapter strong. PLEASE consider volunteering for a committee. We still need a PROGRAM chair.

THANKS for considering what you can do for TQG

--Denise McCue

Night Chapter Minutes

March 9, 2015

Diane Bennett, Night Chapter Coordinator, opened the meeting at 7:05, welcoming members and guests. Next, we celebrated March birthdays with our rousing rendition of the Birthday Song; celebrants were to pick up a free magazine.

Ann Walls introduced our speaker for the evening, Suzi Parron, author of "Following the Barn Quilt Trail". She presented a delightful slide show with photos taken from all over the country of "barn quilts" along with interesting stories of each one.

After a 10 minute break, at 8:10, we reassembled for business and announcements.

It was announced that one of our members, Myoko Hurt, won "Best Use of Color" at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show. **Congratulations Myoko!**

Member, Nancy Long, reminded us that **Spring Fling will be on Saturday, May 9th**, and classes are filling quickly. She asked members to donate fat quarters and fat eights to be bundled and given out as door prizes. They are also selling kits for \$3.50 to complete blocks to bring to the event. They will be grouped together and raffled off to attendees.

Carole Dull, our Raffle Quilt Chairperson, announced that we had **sold \$1,218.00 in tickets** at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show for our current raffle quilt. She thanked all the volunteers that participated in selling tickets. She also noted what a great location we had at the show.

Tammy Halstead, our programs coordinator, said that the **June meeting will be our yard sale** and any members interested in selling their quilted items should call her as soon as possible to reserve a table. She also reminded us that a **new Programs Coordinator** will be needed for our night chapter meeting, term starting July 1.

Pam Traynham, our Saturday Chapter Coordinator, announced that the Pillowcases for

Kids Virginia Project was a great success. 84 pillowcases were completed and the event was attended by 67 girl scouts who had a wonderful time. She needs some volunteers that would be willing to take some of the pillowcases that need minor repairs and complete them.

Diane Bennett reminded us that there will be another TQG exhibit next year at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt show and she welcomes ideas for a theme. She also thanked everyone that participated this year and helped to hang the exhibit.

Lisa Freiman, our current NC Librarian, informed us that the guild has volunteers for the Day and Saturday chapters but a librarian is still needed for the Night. **Without a volunteer we will not have a NC library.**

Betts Werbiskis, our President, is looking for volunteers for the **Executive Board**. There are a number of positions to be filled. Please contact her if you would like to get involved.

Member, Diana Behling, has volunteered to be our new **Facebook Coordinator**. She welcomes photos from members that have been taken at various TQG events.

We continued the meeting with our popular Show & Tell, as well as lucky winners of Block of the Month Gene Ann Hall, Lucky Buck winner Karen Levine and Embroidery Block of the Month winner Karen Bastone. We had 100 members present and 7 guests.

Door prizes were won by Diana Behling, Miyoke Hurt and Deb Aughenbaugh.

—Faye Hannah

GADGET GURU

I received a bit of information from one of our members Carol Jorden. I did not purchase the gadget she told me about but did do some research on it. It is called an orbital rotary blade sharpener and needle sharpener. It is made by USA Sharpeners and looks better than other ones I have seen. Also by the same company is a needle sharpening pad. I have not seen the sharpening pad locally but you could always ask your favorite store to order it for you. Happy Quilting,

Margo

PROGRAMS – Ann Walls

Suzi Parron's presentations on the **Barn Quilt Trails** were very well received. I thought she did an excellent job and hope you all enjoyed her as much as I did.

I am also look forward to our presentations in April. I think their topics have a broad appeal to all of you in the guild and look forward to getting your feedback.

For those of you who **hand quilt**, check out our workshop and presentations for **August**. I had the pleasure of visiting **Cheryl See** in her home and seeing many of her lovely quilts hanging on her walls. I was thoroughly impressed. She has a unique approach and I think we would all benefit from her perspective. Many hand quilters tend to go with the straight lines, she gives techniques for many options during this workshop. BTW, she is TQG member **Jackie Gaskins' daughter**.

Linda Hahn will be here in **September of next year**. She is known for the New York Beauty quilt.

APRIL 2015.

Day Chapter. Al Hunt will talk about the **History of Featherweight Sewing Machines**. Al has spoken several times to the Night Chapter and we thought the Day Chapter would enjoy hearing from the "Sewing Machine Savant" as he calls himself.

Night Chapter. **Cory Langley will give a unique perspective of how the world uses fabric arts**. He is Elle Ryan's son and I have seen one of his lectures and think the guild would also enjoy hearing him. He will be bring a unique look at weaving, spinning and material

creations. Prepare yourselves for scenes from Sri Lanka, Senegal, Guatemala, etc. He will have souvenirs from his private collection on display and copies of his book 'Cover Squirrel - Animal Portraits' will be available. Corey's work has been published by National Geographic and he has traveled on assignment with Physicians for Peace and Operation Blessing.

AUGUST 2015. **Cheryl See** will be here to give presentations to both the Day and Night Chapters and to conduct a workshop called **"Innovative Hand Quilting" on August 8**. Her web site is www.cseesquilts.com. She is known for her paper piecing and her hand quilting. She won awards for both.

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>

SEPTEMBER 2016. We are sharing expenses with the **Peninsula Piecemakers Quilters' Guild (PPQG) to bring Linda Hahn** to our area. Linda will give two presentations to each of our guilds and PPQG is sponsoring two workshops. One during the day on September 8 and another on Saturday September 11, 2016. More details to follow. Her web site is www.froghollowdesigns.com.

Membership Update April 2015

Jackie Brown, Membership Chairperson tqgmembership@cox.net

Active members - 339

To add to your roster...
New members and renewals

- #2292 Lee Gravina added an email address leegravina@verizon.net
 #2744 Janis Drum has a new email account jlsdrum@gmail.com
 #2766 Colleen Benoit (757) 523-1248 jamiseestitchery@gmail.com 881 LeCove Dr. Va Bch, VA 23464
 #2767 Kathy Baker (360) 608-7068 ekatherine1945@msn.com 2214A Sandalwood Road Va Bch, VA 23451
 #2385 Beth Alexander (757) 671-1045 alexanderd18@cox.net 329 W. Chickasaw Road Va Bch, VA 23462

Happy Quilting,
Jackie

The Spring Market March 20-22 2015.
Friday and Saturday 10 am -6 pm
Sunday 10 am to 5 pm
Virginia Beach Convention Center.

We have 3 tables reserved. Members are encouraged to sell handmade items. If you would like to participate in this event, please call Lynn Smith at 757-641-2062,

Gathering of the Guilds Saturday April 4th

The hours are. 10 am to 4 pm at the **Historic Francis Land House**, 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd, VA Beach. If you would like to sell items they have a \$10.00 Community Event fee. Please contact Lynn Smith. 757-641-2062.

TQG Members win at Mid-Atlantic

Congratulations to TQG members for their blue ribbons at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton, Feb. 2015:

Miyoko Hurt - Blue ribbon for Best Use of Color - Innovative

Lee Gravina - Blue ribbon for Best Hand Workmanship - Traditional

See photos on our webpage: tqgva.org



Upcoming Dates & Events:

March 20-22 The Spring Market. Virginia Beach Convention Center

April 4- Gathering of the Guilds Historic Francis Land House

April 30-May 1 Sentara Va. Beach General Hospital Spring Bazaar

May 9- TQG Spring Fling for members only. Bethel Baptist Church, Chesapeake. Be sure to register.



Linus Quilt Donations: TQG Members **Marie Siebeking** (left) and **Nancy Ferguson** (right) brought their just-finished quilts for "Show & Tell" at the Day Chapter meeting and promptly donated them to the LINUS PROJECT.



Nimble Thimble BEE

(counter-clockwise from lower center) Peggy Sheetz, Janie Stephensen, Lola McCracken, Pat Carney, Mary Elle Roemer, Harriet Froehlich, Carole Dull, CHAIR, Millie Johnson, Lenore Mastroianni, Marlene Tillman, Lyn O'Connell, Ida Gripp, Sue Vogel, (Not pictured Susan Newsom, Addie Roark, Mickey Mulan)

VOLUNTEER YOUR BEE TO CREATE THE 2016 QUILT!

TQG has its own

WEB— and FACEBOOK Pages!

If you do not check online weekly, you are missing out on up-to-the minute information about your Guild Happenings.

Go to www.tqgva.org

Your password for the members' area is on your membership card.

Don't be left out!



Like our page on Facebook and receive updates, reminders and photos of our Guild happenings!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tidewater-Quilters-Guild/364643190324224>

Classified Ads

NOT FORGOTTEN QOV

“Quilts of Valor® Foundation Member Group”

No membership or fees are required to sew with our group.

All volunteers are welcome

Our Sew Day is the 3rd Friday of the month

@ Ocean View Senior Center

600 E. Ocean View Ave, Norfolk, VA

We award in Hampton Roads and we honor ALL service members and veterans touched by war

For information Contact Elaine Page

elaine.navarro-page@hotmail.com / 757 376-1238

Facebook: We Quilt

Facebook Group: Not Forgotten QOV

Blog: wequilttogether.blogspot.com

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor

QOVF is a 501(c)(3) not for profit foundation

Longarm Tin Lizzie LS18 for sale. Includes Grace 10.5' frame (enough for a king quilt), canvas leader cloth, bungees, laser light and pantograms. Upgradeable to the Shirley Stitcher. Wonderful working machine. **The whole kit and caboodle \$3000. Diane S Bennett, 4901297.**

Oregon Summer Quilt Expo July 9-11, 2015

Dear Tidewater Quilters Guild - Day Chapter, President and Members,

We are a well-established and very reputable Quilt Expo in Central Oregon. We are also the largest indoor Quilt Expo in the region. Last year we had over 4,500 guests come through our doors during the 3 day period that we held our show.

I am contacting you today because this year we are adding a new feature to our attractions for our attendees. **We are having a Quilt Sale, and we were wondering if any of your Guild Members might be interested in selling their quilts at our show.** We have found that many quilters like to sell their beautiful art, and we would like to offer your members the opportunity if they are interested.

Please note that there is no fee for this service unless your quilt sells, and all unsold quilts will be returned to their owners. Application forms, on our website: www.oregonsummerquiltexpo.com

