

Virginia Star Quilters

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Message from Mary Ann:

Game on! FALL IS IN THE AIR! Champions! That is where we are headed this month. I'm feeling very grateful for a board of AMAZING members who step up every day.

We are championing our local talent...

Penni Domikis from *Cabin in the Woods* does her lecture and trunk show at Lee Hill Community Center.

Sept. 23 begins our Heart Art walk. See Penny R. for sign up if you want to join her team. *A Stitch In Time* has graciously allowed us to showcase our guild's talent at the shop during the Heart walk! Penny will need volunteers to sit and sell tickets. It is a great opportunity to meet and greet for the guild so invite your friends and family by to support the raffle quilts. Please be sure to thank the staff and Greg for all of their support for the guild.

Our *Hearts in Flight* art display runs from Oct. 2 thru the entire month of October at the England Run Library in Fredericksburg. Thanks to all of you who signed up and completed the challenge! A special thanks to Mercy S. & Penny R. for all that you have done!

The EXPO is October 5, 6, 7. Please see Diane L. for sign ups!

Thanks to all of you who brought quilts to Susan for our charities. Susan has invited speakers from our charities to come talk to us in preparation for the holidays. Please remember to support your favorite groups over the coming months. We will be doing our charity Sew In at Lee Hill on October 18. November 29 will be our Pickle Dish Special at Salem Church Library. I hope you will all come out to sew at these events.

December will be our Christmas party at Lee Hill. Elaine is still looking for someone to chair the decorations and activities. The hospitality chairs organize the food. If you love decorating or have talent to do this please let us know asap.

Our end of the year sewing wrap-up will be at Salem Church library. January brings us back to local talent showcased at Salem Church Library and a full sew day at Lee Hill. There are plenty of winter projects to keep us busy as we finish off our challenges. Here is hoping all of your challenges turn up the champion in your hearts! Thanks for joining our journey!

Mary Ann

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Membership:

- For anyone who needs to **pay their dues**, Marlene A. will have the receipt book and goodies at the meeting for those re-upping! Or send your check to our PO box.
- **Happy September birthday to:** Sheryl Giaccai, 9/12; Betty Giles and Carol Matson, 9/14; Pamela Crosby, 9/20.

Meeting News:

September 20, 2017, Guild Meeting 7pm at Lee Hill Community Center. We will take a "Lisa Ellis workshop" group photo. Bring your project(s) from that day!

Come early (12:30pm) to sew, chat, munch on snacks, schmooze, gossip, and more. Junk food welcome. Diane will have cutting mat and cutter, and iron and ironing board for shared use.

Penni Domikis from *Cabin in the Woods* will present her "All Scrapped Out" lecture and trunk show. Get an introduction to her work at Cabininthewoodsquilters.com -- go to "Lectures and trunk shows".

September Refreshments

Sweet snacks: Kathy S., Pat B.

Healthy snacks: Linda K., Juanita G.

Drinks: Stacy C., Nancy S.

December 20, 2017, Christmas Dinner: Lee Hill Community Center, 6pm. Open sew all day. If you will help decorate and set up, please contact Elaine.

Who would like to receive a greeting card?

Let Michele know if anyone needs a little sunshine in their life! She has been sending out cards on behalf of the guild and would like to hear of birthdays, anniversaries, people who are ill, new grandchildren, etc.

"UFO" Challenge 2017: Just a reminder that all members participating in this challenge should be working on their #6 challenge. Hopefully you know which one that is from your list. If not, just call or email Pat B. It is due completed by our September General Membership Meeting. Keep sewing ladies, we are half way through these challenges and you are doing great! For any questions, contact Pat B. If you will not be at the meeting and have finished your #6, send Pat a picture of it to get credit for finishing it on time. Those who do

not complete their #6 on time (our September meeting), need to pay the \$2.00 penalty fee. Keep up the pace and let's get those UFO's done!

Quilt Expo October 5-7

Volunteers still needed!!

We have "set up" Wednesday and Thursday covered, but there are still lots of openings for Friday and Saturday. Grab a friend to come with you; they don't have to be a guild member (yet) to get FREE entry to the show and help staff our booth.

Please call or email Diane L.

(ed.levy@comcast.net) to help with the table at the Sewing & Quilt Expo, October 5-7! This is

our last big venue to sell raffle tickets, which we desperately need. Enroll in your Expo classes soon before they sell out. THEN volunteer to be an ambassador so you get in for free (and so that VSQ gets its table for free)! <http://www.sewingexpo.com/Volunteer.aspx>



"Hearts in Flight" Challenge!

The object is to have fun and help promote the Virginia Star Guild and the Heart Association while we showcase all the many talents of our members!

Your challenge is to use one (or more) of the provided fabric kits to create something that you will donate to the VA Star Guild. If your item is sold while it is on display at the England Run Library during the month of October, half of the sale price goes to the Guild (to fund our programs) and the other half of the sale price goes to the American Heart Association.

- You can make any quilted item that can be displayed by hanging from a sleeve and dowel... a wall art, table runner, quilt, purse, jacket, placemats, etc. Next Day Blinds has graciously donated the dowels. You just need to sew or baste on a hanging sleeve (if you need clarification you can talk to Mercy S.).
- You should strive to use all the fabric in your kit. The minimum amount you need to use of each fabric is a 2x3 inch piece. You can add as much fabric as you would like, however whatever you make must be under 36 inches wide.
- **We need your finished item at the September meeting!**

A prize for "Best in Show" will be a gift certificate to Crazy Cousins, picked by votes of attendees.

We will have a Grand Opening Reception and need volunteers to help.

We would also like to have more people show up at the Open Sew events at the England Run Library (October 12 and 26) to help promote the guild and the display.

A full-page flyer is in this newsletter... would you print it out and put it up on bulletin boards in your church, grocery store, etc?

“Open Sew” Events:

England Run Library: See the Calendar for dates and times! Pat B. will provide an iron, ironing board, and 1 large cutting mat. If you plan to come, please contact Michele S. or Pat B. by the day before the scheduled date. If no one plans to come, she may cancel the date and will send out an email by 10:00 pm the night before the Open Sew date. Come for all or part of the day. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy some stitching time away from the distractions of home life. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Pat B. (540-775-0546). If you can't get her, Michele S. is our backup chair. Contact her at 540-786-6718.

Upcoming Workshop News:

Please let us know any thoughts you have for future workshops that you are interested in and we will explore your ideas.

February 20 & 21, 2018: Bonnie Hunter. Karen and Tracy are signing up anyone interested.

Tuesday, February 20th (10am – 5pm) will be “Jamestown Landing” from Bonnie’s book “String Fling.” Each attendee **MUST** have the book with them that day. Location TBD.

The workshop for Wednesday the 21st will be “Scrappy Happy Houses.” Meet at the Lee Hill Community Center from 12pm – 5pm.

There are printed instructions and “homework” to prepare for each workshop and these will be given to everyone as they sign up and pay.

Each day is \$75, but if you sign up for both classes, VSQ guild members get Bonnie’s book “String Fling” at no charge. If taking both classes, members may make three payments, if they wish, of \$50 each. Some members have expressed concern about the cost. There will be scholarships and “workshop bucks” to help defray the cost.

If anyone has Bonnie Hunter quilts they would be willing to let us display at the workshop or if anyone would like to volunteer to help with decorating or hospitality/food for the workshop, tell Karen/Tracy. VSQ members get to register now, but after the September guild meeting we will open registration to members of other guilds, and in October, we will open registration to the general public, so don’t miss your chance!

ALSO on Wednesday (2/21) evening, at our regular guild meeting, Bonnie will give a lecture and trunk show “Addicted to Scraps.” She will inspire us on how to organize our scraps and turn them into beautiful quilts.

Spring Retreat – March 15-18, 2018

We have twenty ladies going to Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg in March. **If you are paying by the month, remember to pay Judy H. If you have not given her the initial deposit we will give your spot to someone else. You must be paid-in-full before the retreat.**

Raffle Quilt

Please bring your ticket stubs and money to Diane L. Currently, **A Stitch in Time** has our quilt on display and is selling tickets for us but we are looking for more venues. If you have any suggestions, just let Mary Ann know.

Virginia Star Quilters Minutes
August 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Mary Ann.

The meeting started early so that Stan could give his lecture (with great props!) "Stan's Troubleshooting Tips."

We had snacks and drinks during the lecture.

Joyce spoke about the Big Band Concert sponsored by the Salvation Army in Fredericksburg. There will be a silent auction benefiting Camp Happyland.

There is still time to complete your project for the American Heart Association. You must fill out the index card tonight for your project so that it can be printed.

Tracy and Karen talked about the upcoming program by Bonnie Hunter. Tuesday, February 20th will be Jamestown Landing and Wednesday the 21st has yet to be decided. Each day is \$75, but if you sign up for both classes, you get her book at no charge. If taking both classes, members may make three payments, if they wish, of \$50 each. Both days will be at the Hope Presbyterian Church on Leavells Road in Fredericksburg.

Mary Ann informed the group that Marty Moon had stepped down as Treasurer. Diane Levy volunteered for the office. The motion was made, seconded, and a vote was taken. It was unanimously voted to have Diane Levy as Treasurer.

Mary Ann then discussed the By-Laws. There was discussion as to whether or not to change the By-Laws to reflect the change voted on last year but not written in; i.e., changing the term of office from 2 years to 1 year. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to keep the term of office at One (1) Year. Elizabeth volunteered to go through last years' newsletters to check what the wording was. This affects Article III, Section A, Subheadings 1, 2 and 3.

There were five guests tonight.

There were several Show and Tells, and many brought in their Lisa Ellis projects.

The September 20th meeting will be at Lee Hill Community Center at 7 pm.

The meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy O. Swift, Secretary

You are invited to a fundraiser for
The Virginia Star Quilters
and
The American Heart Association

Hearts Taking Flight!



QUILT DISPLAY and SALE

During the month of October 2017 at
England Run Branch
Central Rappahannock Regional Library
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Fredericksburg, VA 22406

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Hearts Taking Flight! and Virginia Star Raffle quilts.
Purchase quilted wall hangings,
table runners, purses, bags and more!

For more information

www.VaStarQuilters.com

Hearts in Flight URL for online auction to purchase items

Short URL:

goo.gl/eeFDsr

Full URL:

<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/hearts-in-flight-2920>

Calendar

2017

- September 6: Board meeting
- September 14 (Thursday): Open Sew at England Run Public Library (9:30am – 4:30pm)
- **September 20 (Wednesday): Guild Meeting** at Lee Hill Community Center (7pm). Topic: Making use of organizers. UFO Challenge #6 item due.
- September 23-24: Virginia Festival, Stanardsville, VA
- September 23-24: Richmond Quilters Guild Quilt Show
- September 28 (Thursday): Open Sew at England Run Public Library (9:30am – 4:30pm)

- October All Month: VSQ quilt display at England Run Public Library
- October 4: Board meeting
- October 5-7: Sewing and Quilt Expo. We need volunteers!
- October 12 (Thursday): Open Sew at England Run Public Library (9:30am – 4:30pm)
- **October 18 (Wednesday): Guild Meeting** at Lee Hill Community Center (7pm). Work day.
- October 26 (Thursday): Open Sew at England Run Public Library (9:30am – 4:30pm)

- November 1: Board meeting
- November 9-18: Quilters' Quest Shop Hop, Virginia and Maryland
- November 15: VSQ Quilt Raffle
- **November 29 (Wednesday): Guild Meeting** at Salem Church Public Library Room B from 4pm – 9pm. Charity Quilts presentation.
- November 30 (Thursday): Open Sew at England Run Public Library (9:30am – 4:30pm)

- December 6: Board meeting
- December 14 (Thursday): Open Sew at England Run Public Library (9:30am – 4:30pm)
- December 20 (Wednesday): Lee Hill Community Center. Open Sew (all day). **Christmas Dinner** 6pm.
- **December 27 (Wednesday): Guild Meeting** at Salem Church Public Library Room B, from 12 noon to 9pm

2018

- February 20-21: Bonnie Hunter Workshop
- March 15-18: Spring Retreat
- March 17: National Quilt Day
- June 3: Block Exchange

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Sept 2017 - Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild – Free motion quilting 2-day retreat

Sept 2017 – Northwest Quilting Expo, Portland, OR

Nov 2017- Houston International Quilt Festival

For more information about the above events & workshops visit www.livingwaterquilter.com



--Living Water Quilter Patterns--

NEW!! – Patterns are now available on **CRAFTSY**

The four patterns available are the Lydia Tote bag, Half Lone Star, Art Deco Block, and a Holiday QAYG Holiday runner. There will be more soon. Visit my website or go directly to Craftsy with this link <http://shrs1.com/jq2v>

Private lessons-----

Create your own class with private lessons. You decide what you want to learn. **Topics include:** Free Motion Quilting, How do I quilt my quilt top, Feathers & Rulers on a domestic machine. Private lessons are \$40/hour, 2 hour minimum. Semi-private (two-people) lessons are \$30/hour per person with a minimum of two hours. Sessions are held in my home.



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