

The Hospitality Hour

February 2020



February Program Note:

All you scrap savers and scrappy quilt lovers, come see the Cabin in the Woods trunk show, "All Scrapped Out." These are sure to be inspiring. Designer Penni Domikis will show how to step away from the cutting table and ironing board and Just use the ones you already have. No need to cut into your stash of yardage... Just use yourR scraps and turn them into something spectacular. Learning from experience, Penni will show how to make "free" quilts with all those leftovers others throw away.

Note re January: I am so sorry that we could not get my projector to project the slides via my iPad. I came home and had the same problem until I thought to try using it with my iPhone, and then things clicked. My deep apologies to all. AS

Grains of Wisdom From Sandy

Happy February Hospitality! There are all kinds of holiday remembrances in February: Ground Hog Day, President's Day, Lincoln and Washington's Birthday's. But perhaps the nearest and dearest to "many a heart" is Valentine's Day. Flowers, candy, "mushy" cards, dinner out as we try to find ways to express how we feel about that certain someone. Surprise, surprise, I do not have a song about all of this..... Instead I want to share a wonderful opportunity we have to share love through our RQG Quilt show in October.

Our Charity Boutique this year is A.S.K. Assistance, Support, Kindness, Childhood Cancer Foundation. Their mission since 1975 is to seek ways to make life better for children with cancer. To this end we are all asked to begin to make items to sell to supply our charity boutique. October may seem like a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. Hospitality's Board of officers will host a Christmas in July workshop. At this workshop we will also create quilt tops from the patriotic blocks that many of you have contributed. Virginia Longarm will donate their quilting services to complete these quilts during the RQG quilt show.

So, let's get a head start with making some love inspired projects by using the Top Five best selling items from our last quilt show: Christmas items, baby items, Featherweight Carrier Bags, table runners and table toppers (especially holiday themed), bags with zippers (especially ones themed for little girls)

So as Dusty Springfield would say, "Put a little love in your heart." You didn't really think I wouldn't have a song in here somewhere, did you? *Sandy*

Hospitality Minutes, Wednesday January 8, 2020

President Sandy Collins called the meeting to order with a Christmas song and the members sang the chorus FA LA LA LA LA.

The members approved the December Minutes as written.

The members approved the Treasurers report.

Treasurer - Polly Oliver reported bank balance \$10,430.00 An Informational flyer about the Hospitality Chapter has been complied to assist new members in learning about the chapter. They will be available at the sign in table at each meeting and be published in the Hospitality Hour next month.

Johnston Willis NICU and FETAL DEMISE are not accepting any quilts at this time. 174 quilts, 54 cat crate blankets, 19 place mats, 3 animal rescue blankets, and 14 pillowcases have been donated to date. Members were reminded they are asked to make ONE quilt per year.

Program – no report. Sandy Collins reminded members the February Program will be Cabin In The Woods “All Scrapped Out” (a trunk show featuring scrappy quilts).

Membership –Vice President Diane Phillips announced 48 members present, 3 charity quilts donated representing 185 volunteer hours. One new member Judy Jellen.

Sunshine–No report. Evaline Jones advised the members that Kathleen Van Paasschen has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is presently undergoing chemotherapy, please send her get well cards.

50/50 – Won by Gail Plante

Gail Plante reminded members she had reserved a bus for the Hampton Mancuso Quilt Show on Thursday, February 27, 2020. The bus will depart from Chippenham Medical Center’s rear parking lot at 8:30 sharp and will make a stop at White Oak Village at 9:00AM. Cost \$55.00, payable to RQG by January 15th and please send check to Gail Plante. The price includes driver’s gratuity, snacks, and entrance to the show. Please write your cell number on the check.

Mary Ann Dirks invited the members to the St. James Episcopal Church Quilt Show May 9, 2020, from 10:00 to 2:00 PM. There will be a children’s program, singing and dance groups performing. Ticket price not determined at this time

Nominating Committee – Sue Ann Bickert, Cathy Fibich and Dorothy Griffith volunteered to be on the committee.

Show and Tell was presented by various members

Program Presentation - Ann Shibus spoke on “Quilting On Your Domestic Sewing Members”.

Sue Ann Bickert, Acting Secretary

Hospitality Treasurer's report- January 2020

HOSPITALITY QUILTERS' TREASURER'S REPORT			
31-Jan-20			
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE:	\$ 10,430.70	MONTHLY EXPENSES:	
MONTHLY INCOME:			
Membership Dues	\$ -	RQG Dues	\$ -
50/50 Raffle	\$ 23.00	Program & Workshop	\$ 100.00
Fundraiser Donations	\$ -	Refreshments	\$ 8.34
Donations for Batting/Fabric	\$ 50.50	Building Rent	\$ 150.00
		Sunshine Committee	\$ 35.74
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 73.50	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 294.08
		ENDING CASH BALANCE:	\$ 10,210.12

Charity Quilts in January

Only 3- for Doorways
Janet Bettinger



Please Note: The wonderful New Member Information sheets just updated and revised by Polly Oliver appear on pages 4 and 5 of this Hospitality Hour.


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HOSPITALITY QUILTERS

Founded 1982

Member's Information (revised Jan 2020)

Welcome to the Hospitality Chapter of the Richmond Quilter's Guild. We hope this information will be helpful to you, so keep it handy. If you have questions, see the directory for contact information for the chapter President or Vice President.

Meetings: We meet the first Wednesday of the month (except July) at Community of Grace Church, 2240 Cranbeck Rd, North Chesterfield, 23235. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. Information is shared regarding upcoming events, activities and workshops, and chapter business is discussed. Next is "Show and Tell," a time for us to share our work, whether beginner or experienced quilter. After "Show and Tell" we have our program, which often includes a guest speaker, lecture and/or trunk show. Occasionally there may be an afternoon workshop following the morning meeting.

Hospitality Sign-In Table and Name Tags: Always sign in at the beginning of the meeting, noting any charity quilts you brought and the number of volunteer hours you worked that month (whether specifically for the chapter or the guild.) Pick up your prepared nametag to help us get to know each other, as we are a large group. Turn in the name tag at the end of the meeting, in the basket provided. Also at the sign-in table, there is often information available about upcoming events, and you can pick up your copy of the Guild Directory. The Treasurer is available to receive dues payments, etc, and you can purchase 50/50 raffle tickets to support our program funding, if you choose to do so. The 50/50 winner is announced during the business meeting.

Charity Quilts: Each member of Hospitality is expected to make and donate at least one charity quilt each year. Place your completed charity quilts at the table provided. Note that labels are available at the table. We ask that you attach a Hospitality label to each quilt, along with a tag indicating which of our supported charities you would like the quilt to be donated to. A list of our supported charities is available at the table.

Guests: We welcome guests and ask that they sign in and wear a name tag available from one of the greeters at the sign in table. Guests may attend two meetings after which they are expected to join if they wish to continue attending.

Refreshments: Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are provided during the social time, 9:30-10:00. Members are asked to sign up to bring treats on a voluntary basis. The sign-up sheet for the next month is located on the Refreshments table.

Dues: Our fiscal year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Dues are \$20 per year (age 65 & over, \$16) payable by the April meeting. Members are encouraged to visit other Guild chapters and may belong to more than one chapter by paying an additional \$8 fee to the secondary chapters. (Members joining in October and thereafter pay half-price dues for membership through March 31st.)

Inclement Weather Policy: We follow Chesterfield County School closings in case of inclement weather on our meeting day. If schools are closed, the meeting is canceled. If the schools are on a two-hour delay we proceed with the regular scheduled meeting.

Hospitality Hour: This is our chapter's monthly newsletter, helping us all keep informed about our chapter's past and upcoming activities. Ann Shibut produces the newsletter each month (except July) using articles submitted by chapter members. The newsletter is sent via email, usually the last week of the month. (Members who are unable to access this through email can request a paper copy each month; see the Vice President to request this.) Each issue includes a note about our program for the next meeting, as well as minutes and treasurer's report from the prior month's meeting. There's also a summary of charity quilts donated the previous month. Reading the newsletter is an excellent way to be in the know about what's going on, so please take advantage of this. If you would like to contribute an article, email it to Ann Shibut; deadline is the Monday of the week preceding the next Hospitality meeting.

Supported Charities:

In 2019, our chapter donated a total of 174 quilts to our charities, as well as 54 cat crate blankets, 19 Meals on Wheels placemats, 3 animal rescue blankets, and 14 pillowcases to various organizations.

As of January 2020, our supported charities are as follows:

- Alzheimer's of Richmond (fidget quilts)
- Chesterfield County Families First
- Chesterfield County Christmas Mother
- Crater Community Hospice
- Fisher House
- McGuire Veterans Hospital
- Virginia Baptist Hospital's Pediatric Psychiatric Unit
- Virginia Services for the Blind (tactile quilts for vision-impaired babies)
- VCU Medical Center - Doorways
- (Note that currently Johnston-Willis Fetal Demise and NICU are not accepting any quilts.)