

ANNANDALE *QU* NEWSLETTER

November 2008

Notes from Diane



Hello everyone!

We had a great turnout at the last meeting and a wonderful lecture by Mary Kerr. We are trying to recruit new members to help make Annandale the best quilt group ever!! We are having our annual Pot Luck dinner at the December meeting- what a great time to introduce someone new to Annandale! Don't forget about bringing a nice fat quarter for the fabric exchange (make sure it is wrapped) and your favorite dish to share. We will also be collecting \$ (in lieu of ornament exchange) for a needy family here at the church. Let's get quilting and I look forward to 2009 with anticipation of good things to come! Happy holidays!

Diane

QUILTING CALENDAR

for those who like to plan ahead

MID-ATLANTIC QUILT FESTIVAL

February 26 - March 1, 2009
Hampton Roads Convention Center
Hampton VA
www.quiltfest.com

BALTIMORE HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD QUILT SHOW

March 14, 2009 through March 15, 2009
10-5 Goucher College Sports & Recreation Center
1021 Dulaney Valley Road
Towson MD 21204
e-mail: quiltexpo2009@baltimorequilters.com
www.baltimorequilters.com

36th ANNUAL QUILTERS UNLIMITED QUILT SHOW

June 5, 2009 through June 7, 2009
Dulles Expo Center
Chantilly VA
www.quiltersunlimited.org/show.htm

ANNAPOLIS QUILT GUILD "QUILTS BY THE BAY"

June 13, 2009 through June 14, 2009
www.annapolisquiltguild.org/index.html

MID-APPALACHIAN 21st YEAR SEMINAR

July 10, 2009 through July 12, 2009
Mount St. Mary's University
Emmitsville MD
www.maonline.org/index.html

QUILT ODYSSEY 2009 (HERSHEY QUILT SHOW)

July 30, 2009 through August 2, 2009
Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
Hershey PA
www.quiltodyssey.com/quiltshow.htm

SULLY QUILT SHOW

September 14, 2009
Sully Historic Site
3650 Historic Sully Way
Chantilly VA 20151
(703) 437-1794

AQU CALENDAR

Dec 3 Basting Bee 10 am, Quilt Patch
Dec 10 Education Bee 10 am, Fred Packard Center
Dec 17 Holiday Party 10 am Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church
Dec 24 Baby Quilts, 10 am, Angela Barnes' home, bring lunch
Dec 31 Baby Quilts, 10 am, Angela Barnes' home, bring lunch
Jan 7 Basting Bee 10 am, Quilt Patch
Jan 14 Education Bee 10 am, Fred Packard Center
Jan 21 Meeting 10 am, Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church
Jan 28 Baby Quilts, 10 am, Angela Barnes' home, bring lunch
Jan 31 Quilts of Valor and Baby Quilt Workshop, 9 am
Feb 4 Basting Bee 10 am, Quilt Patch
Feb 11 Education Bee 10 am, Fred Packard Center
Feb 18 Meeting 10 am, Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church

Wednesday, December 17, 2007

Holiday Party

Potluck lunch

Bring a wrapped Fat Quarter and a donation to the church in lieu of the ornament exchange. There will be a special (handmade) gift to those who donate at least \$10.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Regular Monthly Meeting
Program TBA

Saturday, January 31, 2009

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Quilts of Valor and Baby Quilt Workshop

We'll make a day of it :

- ✦ Piecing tops, Machine quilting, etc,
- ✦ Fun and Fellowship for a good cause
- ✦ Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Regular Monthly Meeting
Program TBA

News and Announcements

New Members: We have several new members to introduce this month.

Susan Augustyn has been an enthusiastic collector of fabric since 1983, and now has the time to cut it all apart and sew it back together in new and interesting ways. She is a big fan of paper piecing – her points are sharp, and she doesn't have to deal with templates. Susan is originally from Chicago, but came to Northern Virginia from Southern California when her boss was elected to Congress in 2001. After retiring the first time, she went back to school to teach at a Montessori school. She is now a quilting bum who lives with two cats and a St. Bernard – and a lot of quilting magazines that she is ready to donate to a good cause. She taught her 6 yr. old granddaughter to quilt this summer. They made a quilted fishbowl pillow, which was very cute. She has also taught quilting during the interim session at a year-round elementary school in Arlington. Welcome Susan! Several of the AQU members have been to Rosie's Fabric Store near San Diego, and can talk about its wonders for hours.

Audrey Dittman had her amazing first completed quilt on display at the November meeting. Her love of creating was fueled by a hand cranked sewing machine in 1945. (Editor's note: She was very young at the time.) Unfortunately, work got in the way of quilting until grandchildren came along, and she started making quilts for them. Audrey started quilting in earnest 2 years ago when she retired. Her 1st show was at a Robinson High School craft show where she sold 9 quilts. This year's show will be at Wakefield Park on Dec. 6-7 – everything is ½ price – quilts, placemats and bell pulls. Welcome Audrey! We can all use your energy and inspiration.

Elaine Lynn mostly grew up around here, then left for awhile, then came back to stay in the early 70s. She has been quilting since 1991. She likes very traditional quilts, and enjoys hand piecing and appliqué. Elaine has 2 grown children and 5 grandchildren. She gives her creations mostly to her family. Elaine works part time at G Street Fabrics at Seven Corners, so stop by to chat next time you're there. She'll also be happy to sell you a sewing machine. Welcome Elaine! The bees are a great place to hand appliqué, quilt and talk.

Rita Witkowski has been a member for a while, but hasn't been formally introduced – Editor's mistake. She has lived in the area for 30 years, but just started quilting 2 years ago. She finished her first quilt in September with much encouragement from Angela Barnes who is her AQU mentor. Rita has presented a Quilt Show and Tell at her UMW group. She is also interested in genealogy and photography; and went on a spur of the moment trip to Key West, FL last month. Rita is the proud mother of two sons – one of which recently passed the VA Bar Exam and is now gainfully employed. Welcome Rita! We need more spontaniety around here.

Those are the new local members, but AQU is becoming nationally known, and we have two new members from Pennsylvania – west and east side of the state.

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Judi Halavanja is the charming and very friendly daughter of Elaine Lynn. She and her mother share quilt guilds long distance, and attend meetings together when the opportunity arises. Judi also enjoys traditional hand appliqué and quilting. Welcome Judi, come visit soon! Oh, if she just didn't live so far away...

Anne Marie Collins is our other new member from Pennsylvania. I wasn't able to reach her this time, but look forward to introducing her in the next newsletter. Anyway, Anne Marie, welcome, and come when you can!

Baby Quilts: There will be a Baby Quilts workshop at Angela Barnes' house, 6439 Woodridge Road, Alexandria, on December 24, December 31, January 28, and February 25 at 10:00 a.m. until ? Bring a bag lunch; drinks furnished.

Fundraiser -- Our Pecans have arrived. There are pound packages of large halves for \$7.25 and medium pieces for \$7.00. For a yummy treat, call Angela at 703-941-6054 or e-mail her at quilter.retliuq@verizon.net.

AQU Library: After much discussion, it has been decided that the library books will stay at the the Fred Packard Center in Hidden Oaks Park, 4020 Hummer Road, Annandale. **Directions:** The Packard Center may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 52B which is Little River Turnpike or Route 236 east to the first traffic light at Hummer Road. Turn left on Hummer Road and then left at the Packard Center sign. At the fork, take the right to the parking lot. Take the first hallway to the right after entering the building; the library is in the first room on the right. While there, check out the lovely crafts offered at the Artisans United Craft Gallery. The hours are Monday – Saturday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. November – December 24.

Quilt Show Challenge: “Charmed I’m Sure” is the name of our challenge for the Quilt Show. The rules are easy....use any of the numerous charm squares you have collected over the years. You can use just one section of the square or cut it up into pieces and use all of it. Chose any quilt design and any size. That's it! The quilt will be limited only by your imagination. Have Fun!

QU DIGEST – A WEALTH OF INFORMATION

Subscribe to the QU Digest!

Since 1995, the QU Digest has been an informal way for members to network and share information between official newsletters. It's sent electronically via email or can be viewed at a YahooGroups website (for members only). Once you subscribe, you will receive news about QU members, quilting tips, interesting websites, and pleas for missing books or fabric. There is also ongoing news or workshops by QU & other guilds, bus trips, members' news, job announcements, quilt shows, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't even have to be quilt related! The QU Digest is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. At the Yahoo website, you'll also be able to see QU Digest archives which go back a number of years, an email directory of subscribers, quilting tips, quilting websites, and other pertinent files. If you wish to subscribe to the QU Digest, contact Barbara Tricarico (McL, V) at QUDigest@cox.net

Quilt Retreat

March 19-22, 2009

New Windsor, Maryland

23 of us are planning to attend

11 of us are thinking about it

How much will it cost?

\$285 per person, at least half payment at January meeting, balance by February meeting.

What do we get?

3 nights lodging, 9 meals, large sewing/ironing room with 6 ft table for each person, at least 5 design walls, cutting room with 4-6 cutting tables, lower level room with tables and chairs for whatever, full kitchen with refrigerator

When will we go again?

April 15-18, 2010

April 14-17, 2011

April 19-22, 2012

AQU Committees 2008-2009

Auction Collector/Pricer: Mary Tims
 Auctioneer: Marti Carrington (+ 3 helpers)
 Block of the Quarter: **VACANT**
 Challenge (Charmed I'm Sure): Nancy Firestone
 Charm Blocks: Marti Carrington
 Christmas Block: Carolyn O'Flaherty
 Community Service Projects: Nancy Firestone (QOV)
 Greeters (9:30 early): Rosie Powell & **VACANT** we need two!!!
 Historian: **VACANT**
 Librarian: Betty Beal & Carol Duesi
 Magazines: Rita Witkowski
 Membership: Molly Rzesutek
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 Quilt Retreat Organizer: Dian Epp & Bonnie Anderson
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 Quilt Show Rep (Layout):Elizabeth Stiles/Jo Cotter
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 Refreshments: **VACANT**
 Education Bees: **VACANT**

Annandale QU

Quilters Unlimited (QU), www.quiltersunlimited.org, was founded in 1972. Annandale was the first chapter of QU, starting with 16 members. It is now one of twelve chapters. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or level of skill. Prospective members and visitors are welcome to our meetings. Annual membership is \$20.

Annandale QU's monthly meetings are at 10 a.m. on **the third Wednesday** of the month, excluding July and August at Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church, 3439 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church, 22044.

A **Basting Bee** is held at 10 a.m. the **first Wednesday** of each month at the Quilt Patch, 10381 Main St., Fairfax. All are welcome.

An **Education Bee** is held at 10 a.m. the **second Wednesday** of each month at the Fred Packard Center in Hidden Oaks Park, 4020 Hummer Road, Annandale. All are welcome.

Charitable Works: Baby Quilts Workshops are held the **fourth and fifth Wednesdays** of each month at Angela Barnes' house. Her address is 6439 Woodridge Rd. Alexandria, VA. All are welcome.

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