

# ANNANDALE QU NEWSLETTER

November 2009

*Notes from Diane*



Hey quilters!

Now is the time to get those projects finished in time for the holiday gift giving season! Big note! Our **DECEMBER MEETING'S DATE** has to be changed-We will meet on **TUESDAY, DEC 15th** instead of Wednesday Dec 16th because of a conflict at the church. Please note this on your calendars! Remember it's a potluck so bring your best goodies to eat! in lieu of an ornament exchange we are also going to donate money to the church for a needy family with kids. At the November meeting we are voting for the **SERVICE AWARD** for AQU also known as the **STAR AWARD** for a person in the guild who goes out of their way to help with AQU. I am looking forward to seeing you at the November meeting!! Happy Quilting!

*Diane*

## **Quilts of Valor and Charity Quilts Day Saturday, January 16, 2010, 9am-4pm**

We'll be gearing up for a charity works day Saturday January 16, 2010. Keep making those pieced heart blocks and paper pieced diamonds that were handed out at the October meeting. Bring any completed blocks to the November and December meetings.

Any 12 1/2" block can be added to others to make a group quilt. Orphan blocks are also welcome. So feel free to make blocks and bring them in! You are also encouraged to make your own quilts for the injured soldiers. Please try to make them no smaller than 40"x50."

We can all contribute to this worthy cause. If you need batting Nancy Firestone has an entire

## AUCTION RESULTS

HEY, Ladies, we just had our annual auction. We did very well, making almost \$2300. The problem is that only 28 people showed up for the meeting, and we have over 60 people in AQU. The purpose of the auction is to support our Guild and its programs. I know that everyone likes guest speakers, and unfortunately they cost money. We decided last year to make our workshops more affordable so that more people could take them. Patricia Pepe's workshop cost \$40 in other guilds and our cost was only \$10. It seems like it is the same people every year that are supporting the auction. I realize that people donate items for the sale, but this is what helps pay the bills. We had lots of goodies that sold from \$5 to \$200- fabric, quilts etc. We need people to bid on these items. There was a bidding war for a beautiful quilt that Staci had donated. You never know what's going to be there, and who is going to bid on it. That's the fun of it. PLEASE support the group next year. Come and bring your friends. I know everyone can't volunteer for a job, but let's make sure we don't put the burden on the few. If you have any comments or suggestions please email me @ [deasglass@gamil.com](mailto:deasglass@gamil.com) . Thanks. Diane

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bolt of batting for the quilts. She also has red, white and blue fabric if you need some for the tops or backs.  
Sign ups for charity day will be available at the next couple of meetings.

## Treasurer's Notes

Big QU Treasurer, Giselle Schneider, organized a meeting of the QU chapters' treasurers. Big QU president, Susan Fernandez; Big QU past treasurer, Robyn Kampf; and 9 of the 11 chapters' treasurers attended. Giselle presented each chapter a treasurer's notebook containing detailed information, due dates, and copies of required report forms.

### Sales Tax

All chapters are required to pay Virginia sales tax (5%) on proceeds from auctions, raffles, the annual Quilt Show Boutique (or Silent Auction), and tangible goods exchanged for money. Therefore, I will be sending to Big QU the sales tax from the 2009 Quilt Show Boutique (\$41.21) and from our October Auction (\$107.26). Our raffles at the Quilt Retreat will be subject to sales tax.

### Donation Receipts

Anyone who donates something to the organization should receive a receipt. It will state that "Quilters Unlimited is a 501(c)3 organization," that "no goods or services were received," and the fair market dollar value of the donation. Receipt for Donation forms will be available at the next meeting for those of you who donated items to the Quilt Show Boutique and to our October Auction. You do not need a Receipt for Donation form if you do not plan to claim the donation on your income tax forms.

### Pay by Check

Big QU recommends that members pay fees, dues, donations, etc. by check instead of cash. However, if you want to pay something in cash, I will have a receipt book available to issue you a cash receipt.

### Clarification

QU is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and does not pay federal or state income tax. However, we are not a sales tax exempt organization. When the chapter buys items for chapter use (fabric, cups, napkins, coffee, etc.) we have to pay sales tax.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**November 18, 2009** Shannon Shirley lecture

### Trunk Show - An Eclectic Mix

Shannon will share with you her quilts since 1989 and some of the lessons she has learned along the way. She started as a mainly self-taught traditional quilter, machine piecer and hand lap quilter. Over the years she started taking technique classes to understand how quilters were creating the wonderful quilts she was seeing at shows. Shannon has always been eclectic in other areas of her life and quilting is no different. She now uses any technique she knows of to achieve the end result...a beautiful unique quilt.

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009** **Note Date Change**  
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

**January 20, 2010** Eileen Doughty lecture

### Evolution of a Landscape Artist Or: The Good, the Bad, and the Arty

Eileen Doughty has been making landscape quilts since her very first project in 1987. In this lecture, she will discuss inspirations, techniques and materials while displaying successful and even a few not-so-successful original works (since we learn from our mistakes too). Her landscape work includes many wall hangings, some wearable art and many cutting-edge techniques. Eileen's quilts have been exhibited across the US and overseas, and are in many corporate, public and private collections.

Workshop 12:30pm-4pm

Machine-sew a postcard-sized quilt portraying our nation's capitol at cherry blossom time. Use 'thread painting', inking and fusing to add detail and texture to the landscape elements. Customize the back to look like a real postcard!

Intermediate level

Supply list

Sewing machine must be able to lower 'feed dogs' for free-motion stitching

*Do you remember the delicious cake that everyone was raving about at the June luncheon? Elizabeth Stiles made it and is willing to share her recipe.*

### ITALIAN CREAM CAKE

½ cup butter or margarine, softened

½ cup shortening

2 cups sugar

5 large eggs, separated

1 tbs. vanilla extract

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1 cup buttermilk

1 cup flaked coconut

Nutty Cream Cheese Frosting

Garnishes: toasted pecan halves, chopped pecans.

**Beat** butter and shortening in a large mixing bowl at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugar, beating well. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating until blended after each addition. Add vanilla; beat until blended.

Combine flour and soda; add to butter mixture alternately with buttermilk beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed until blended after each addition. Stir in coconut.

**Beat** egg whites until stiff peaks form; fold into batter. Pour batter into three greased and floured 9" round cake pans.

**Bake** at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes; remove from pans, and let cool completely on wire racks.

Spread Nutty Cream Cheese Frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake. Garnish, if desired. Makes one 3 layer cake.

### NUTTY CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1 cup chopped pecans

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese

½ cup butter or margarine, softened

1 tbs. vanilla extract

1 (16 oz.) pkg. powdered sugar, sifted

**Place** pecans in a shallow pan; bake at 350 degrees for 5 to 10 minutes or until toasted, stirring occasionally; cool.

**Beat** cream cheese, butter and vanilla at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Add sugar, beating at low speed until blended. Beat at high speed until smooth; stir in pecans. Makes about 4 cups.

### CHARITY PROJECTS

There will be quillothons on October 28, November 25, December 23, January 27, 2010, February 24, March 24, and April 28 at Angela Barnes' home at 10:00 a.m. until ? Bring bag lunch, drinks are furnished. For directions or more information, call Angela at 703-941-6054.

We will make baby quilts on 12/30, and 3/31/2010 at Angela's home, same time, same instructions.

A new crop of pecans have been ordered (10/14/09) and should be in by Thanksgiving. Place your orders now with Angela. Both extra large pecan halves and pecan pieces are packaged in 16 oz. bags and are \$7.00 each. AQU will get \$1.00 each for the treasury.

### QU Digest

Since 1995, the QU Digest has been an informal way for members to network and share information between official newsletters. It is sent electronically via email. 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 on workshops by QU and 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 QU Digest website, you'll be able to see QU Digest archives for the last seven years, an email directory of subscribers, quilting tips, quilting websites, and other pertinent files. You must be a subscriber to the Digest in order to access the information. If you wish to subscribe to the QU Digest, contact Barbara Tricarico, QUDigest@cox.net.

## ANNANDALE QU

Quilters Unlimited (QU), [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org), was founded in 1972. Annandale was the first chapter of QU, starting with 16 members. It is now one of eleven 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: Quillo Workshops** are held the **fourth Wednesday** of each month and **Baby Quilt Workshops** on the fifth Wednesday at Angela Barnes' house. Her address is 6439 Woodridge Rd. Alexandria, VA. All are welcome. 10 am – whenever you need to leave.

### AQU Officers 2009 – 2010

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### AQU Committees 2009-2010

**Auction Collector/Pricer:** Mary Tims  
**Christmas Block:** Jane McDowell/Jo Cotter  
**Community Service Projects:** Angela Barnes  
(Quillos, Baby Quilts)/ Nancy Firestone (QOV)  
**Membership:** Molly Rzesutek  
**Quilt Show Collector:** Carol Duesi/Stacie Northrup  
**Quilt Tips & Techniques:** Carolyn O'Flaherty  
**Round Robin:** Carol Duesi

**Display Quilts:** Dot Martin  
**Greeters:** Ann Cox/Carolyn O'Flaherty  
**Magazines:** Rita Witkowski  
**Newsletter Editor:** Betty Beal  
**Quilt Retreat:** Dian Epp/Bonnie Anderson  
**Quilt Show Rep (Layout):** Elizabeth Stiles  
**Refreshments:** Darryl Schanke  
**Webmaster:** Marty Bush

## Quilters Unlimited 2009 – 2010 Membership Form

Annual membership runs from July 1 – June 30. Membership payment must be received by September 30<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the Annual QU Directory.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Telephone (Home)

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code + 4

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Email Address Birthday (Month/Day Only) optional

Work phone – optional \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone number will not be included in the QU directory.

**Circle “Yes” or “No” for each question below (if blank, YES is the default):**

QU may put my e-mail address in the Big QU directory	YES NO
QU may e-mail the Big QU Newsletter to me	YES NO
QU may e-mail my chapter newsletter to me	YES NO

**Membership Categories (check one) and Dues:** Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Regular (\$20. )

\_\_\_ Senior - Age 65+ by June 30, 2009 (\$ 10. )

\_\_\_ Life - Age 75+ by June 30, 2009 (No charge, complete form for annual records)  
Both Senior and Life membership apply to primary chapter only.

\_\_\_ Family - two or more people at the same address (\$30.) - Please list names at the top

\_\_\_ Associate – primary membership in other QU chapter (\$10. )

(Name of home QU chapter: \_\_\_\_\_)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Dues  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ QU Membership Pin @ \$4.00 each, if desired  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

### Annandale Chapter

Make check payable to Annandale QU and give to Molly Rzesutek, 5501 Seminary Rd. Apt. 611 South, Falls Church, 22041. If you mail the check, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your membership card.