

A Stitch in Time

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April 2006

**Burke QU's meetings are held the
2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30PM
Cherry Run Elementary School
9732 Ironmaster Drive, Burke VA 22015**



2005 - 2006 Calendar

Reminder!

**schools are closed
during the second
week in April, our
meetings will be April
19 and April 26.**

April 19

Author Emilie
Richards

April 26

Business Meeting

May 10

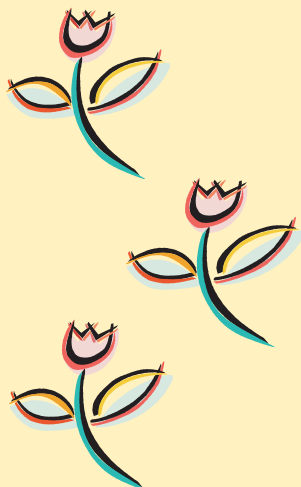
Business Meeting

May 24

Debbie Kratovil-
Workshop
Royal Star,
Program - Bold, Black
and Beautiful Quilts

June 14

June Social



Hello from the President

We've reached the busiest time of the year for Burke when all the work of so many committees is coming to fruition. Burke Quilters have so many talents and they share their expertise so well with us all.

Super thanks to Bonnie Prouty and the Sew What Bee. They provided a wonderful evening of Midnight Madness and beautifully cut quilt kits. The food was healthy and delicious and everything went so smoothly. Thanks Bonnie and Catherine Armstrong, Susie Johnson, Mary Sobota, Jacque Flynn, Gayle Hindle, Cindy Sabo, Susan Novack, Sharon Thompson, Jody Gruendel, Joanne Stone, and Kathy Lincoln. Kathy's raffle quilt was a delightful addition to the evening's fun.

Thanks to Susan Allbritton and her helpers who have put together another great ways-and-means project. Don't forget to visit her table during the meeting to help support the guild and give yourself a mild or wild start to a Stepping Stones and Stars quilt.

The Quilt-In was quite fun and I will pass on the many favorable comments about having them on week-ends rather than during week. Burke tried hard to win an Olympic Medal, but the competition was tough. Thanks to Debra Godwin for purchasing Burke's door prizes and also for making new ironing surfaces which we will try out at the upcoming workshops and retreat.

Sandy Kretzer has done a superb job for scheduling speakers and programs for the year! As I write this, I'm looking forward to Mickey Depre's workshop tomorrow and to her talk on Wednesday. Sandy has been the perfect person for the job, combining her creative talent with amazing organizational skill to make it all come together. I know she's been working on the summer programs and one for the fall to make the in-coming VP's task easier.

Nicole Ingegneri and the Spring Retreat committee are promising an Out of This World Retreat and I know I'm ready to be "lost in quilt space" with fifty-some other explorers for an exciting weekend. Thanks for all your hard work.

Susan Fernandez and Lucy Look had planned to do the following spring retreat, but they have decided to help out the guild by taking over the Fall 06 retreat. That leaves a whole year for another individual or group to plan Spring of 07. The retreats can be as simple or as involved as the planners wish. Please, think about rounding up a few friends and taking us all on the adventure.

Meet-the-Quilter was awesome again with Kathleen O'Brien and her daughters, Eileen and Erin, showing their terrific quilts along with lots of humor and joy. Thanks to you for sharing.

As we speed our way in time to the quilt show, thanks to Susan Fernandez for taking on the huge job of publicity (Burke's task for this year's show). I know hours and hours of meetings and planning are involved in making it work well. Thanks, Susan.

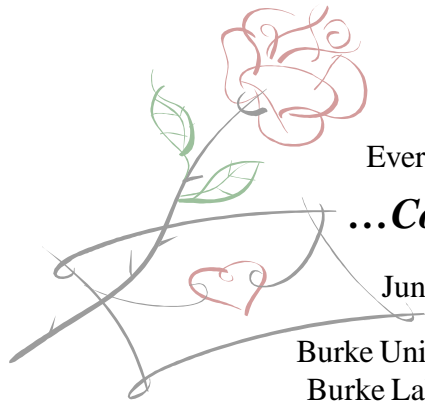
Finally, take advantage of the workshops and classes that the guild offers. The fees are usually a bargain and the day-out of fun and learning is a great gift for yourself.

Thanks to Lynn Van Keuran for doing registration for Big QU's workshops with Sue Nickels. If you can't attend a workshop, don't miss her talk at the Annual Meeting, May 4, 7 pm. at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads. Sue "wrote the book" on machine quilting. In fact she wrote two with her sister, Pat Holly.

P.S. Thanks to all of you who have been so encouraging in my effort to declutter. My closet is the better for having eight (!) trash bags of clothing taken to charity and yesterday I finished shredding the dregs of 25 years of saved paper. I feel like the load is lifting, but there's still plenty to do.

Happy Quilting! Linda Cooper

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Everything's Coming Up Roses
...Come Bloom with Us!

June 14, 2006 6:30 p.m.

Burke United Methodist Church (corner of
Burke Lake Road and Lee Chapel Road)

\$20 per member Reservations by June 1

Contact Sue Meyer (703) 426-8720 or Sandy Reading (703) 960-3019

Salad Buffet by the Purple Onion Catering Company

Salmon Nicoise Chicken Lemon Caesar

Mediterranean Orzo Bread Basket

Dessert from the Swiss Bakery and Pastry Shoppe

Fruit Tart with strawberries, peaches, kiwi, raspberries and blueberries

Committee: Michelle Filipelli, Sandy Reading, Sue Meyer



Newsletter Articles

All submissions should be emailed to mhock@cox.net.
Submit articles by the 25th of each month for publication in
the following month's newsletter. Articles received by May
25th will be published in the June Newsletter.

If you have any questions call Maria Hock at 703.913.2966
or email mhock@cox.net.

Plan ahead!

Our first summer program will be on July 12!
Paula Golden will be presenting
"A Journey in Quilt Making"
at Messiah United Methodist Church

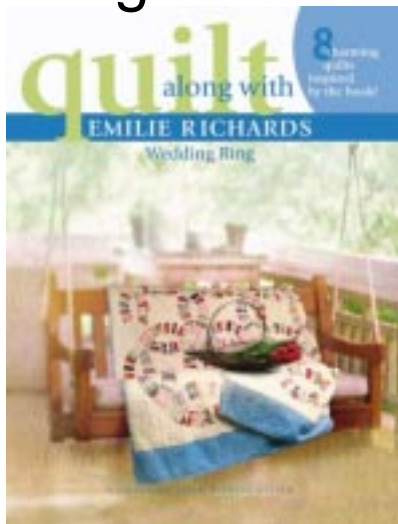
Thanks- Lap Robe Makers

Our lap robes donations help keep our Burke neighbors at Heatherwood Retirement Community on Burke Lake Road more comfortable. Many residents are in wheel chairs and have poor circulation. Our lap robe pattern has ties and a shape designed to secure it to a person with limited mobility. The residents and staff truly appreciate our generous donations.

Thank you to those who have donated your time and talents to make a lap robe so far this QU year (if we have overlooked anyone, we apologize; please let us know): Sally Bustamante, Erika Robertson, Karen Burshnick, Joy Bauer, Janey Gauthey, Lucy Look, and Cindy Garman-Squier/Marsha White.

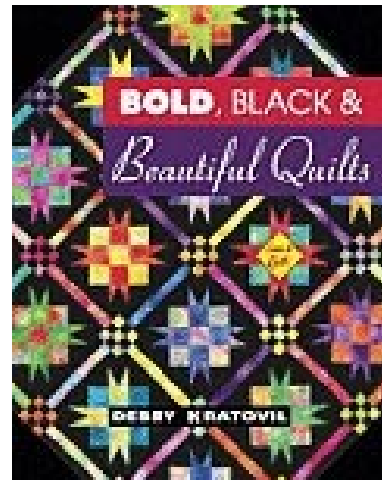
If you would like to make a lap robe (what fun to experiment and expand your quilting skills!), just pick up your kit at a Burke QU meeting. Questions? Contact Cindy Garman-Squier (tubadrum@verizon.net or phone 703-451-0769) or Marsha White (mf.white@verizon.net or phone 703-690-4384).

Programs



We have a special event planned for our April Program meeting on April 19th. Emilie Richards, best selling author, quilter and quilt lover will be coming to speak to our guild. Emilie is an award winning author of more than 50 novels. There are also two how-to quilt books related to two of her novels, Endless Chain and Wedding Ring. This is a program evening that you don't want to miss. www.emilierichards.com Bring your favorite title or her companion quilt books and she will be happy to autograph them after the talk.

Debby Kratovil is coming May 24th to present a lecture for our program meeting. Debby will also be presenting a 6 hour workshop on Wednesday May 24th titled "Royal Star", focus is lovely brights, pastels or batiks on black. Cost is \$35.00 and the location is the Artful Quilter shop 13860-F Braddock Road, Centreville, VA 20121. Sign-ups will begin at our business meeting on March 29th. Samples will be available for viewing at our March program meeting. www.quilterbydesign.com





Quilters' Unlimited 33rd Annual Quilt Show

“You Gotta Have Heart”

a non-juried show for quilt lovers

**June 2, 3, & 4, 2006
Dulles Expo Center,
Chantilly, Virginia**

Show and Merchant Mall Hours: Friday/Saturday 10-6/Sunday 11-4

**Lecture and Class Hours: Thursday: 2:30 – 4:30 and 6:30 – 8:30
Friday/Saturday: 9-5 (Lunch 12-2)**

Sunday: 11-4

General Admission: \$8/1-day \$18/3-days \$16/3-day with class registration

QU member-volunteer \$8/3-day (volunteer time confirmed with Volunteer Coordinator by May 15, 2006)

Class and Lectures – Sign up now!

Download and print the brochures from the web page <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/showclasses.htm>.

Limited copies of the class schedule and registration form will be available at the April meetings.

Silent Auction donations are due by May 1, 2006

Suggested Donations: Lap or bed quilt, wall hanging, quilted or appliquéd sweatshirt, jacket, bag, purse or tote, “Quilt in a Bag” – bundle consisting of a pattern, fabric, batting and backing for a complete quilt. **Extra: One fat quarter or spool of quality thread from each chapter member for baskets. Contact: Ricky Dahane, 703-437-9211, deweyricky@cs.com**

“You Gotta Have Heart”

– Each QU Member is asked to donate a “heart” themed ornament. The ornaments will be sold at the show with proceeds donated to research for heart disease in women.

Treasurer's Report - Gen Meyer

The current balance of the Burke QU checking account is \$9,614.14. Of this amount, about half will be going to the 4-H Center for the Spring Retreat.

Burke QU is nearing the end of its fiscal year and there will be a new treasurer starting July 1. To make her job easier, please cash all checks from Burke QU in a timely fashion. It makes the bookkeeping and reconciliation of the account much easier if all checks have been cleared by the June statement.

Burke Quilters Unlimited (BQU)
Business Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2006

Linda introduced visitors and Loretta Spittle (S) who displayed the beautiful quilt which will be raffled at the quilt show. Loretta thanked Roz Johnson for selling all of Burke's tickets and urged members to buy more at the show. She also encouraged members to visit the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg and become members to support the facility.

Linda had the following announcements:

Ricky Dehane (R) is in charge of the silent auction at the quilt show and would like a list of donations that Burke member will be giving. There will be a separate auction each day. Reston would like additional help manning the auction booth in 2 hour increments. Also each member is asked to create a heart ornament which will be sold at the show with profits going to Cardiac Care.

The Quilt-In will be held Sunday, March 12, at Falls Church High School from 1-5. Bring food to share, optional raffle blocks, optional show-and-tell and optional door prizes. Thanks to Debra Godwin for purchasing Burke's share of door prizes and also for covering 9 ceiling tiles for new pressing surfaces.

Watch for Midnight Madness on the 17th, Mickey DePre's workshop on the 25th. The program meeting for March will be the 29th to fit Mickey's schedule.

If you want to take Sue Nickel's workshop with Big QU, Lynn Van Keuran will be taking signups beginning Apr. 1.

Committee Reports:

Retreat: Nicole Ingegneri announced that spaces are still available at the Spring Retreat. Currently 55 members are attending.

Quilt Show: Susan Fernandez brought the class sign-up board. Members can send class registrations to Connie Gallant or check out www.Quiltersunlimited.org for the quilt show class link. Susan also reminded everyone of her job as Nominations Chair and asked for volunteers to fill positions for next year.

Ways and Means: Susan Allbritton displayed the Stars and Stepping Stones quilt which can be made in mild or wild colorways. Fabric bundles can be purchased for \$25.

Midnight Madness: Bonnie Prouty passed out hand-outs for those signed up for March 17th at the Firehouse.

Library Display: Jane Lawler-Saviske will be collecting quilts with "May Flowers" themes for the display window at Pohick Library.

Quilts of Valor: Louise Matthews and Kathy Murphy passed out flyers and encouraged quilters to make additional patriotic quilts for wounded soldiers.

Board:

VP Sandy Kretzer has three spots left for the Mickey DePre workshop on the 25th. She's looking forward to the programs in April with writer and quilter Emilee Richards and Debbie Kratovil in May.

Treasurer Gen Meyer announced a current balance of \$16,081.49

After a short break and show-and-tell, quilter Kathleen O'Brien and her daughters Eileen and Erin showed their wonderful quilts in the Meet the Quilter spot.

Minutes recorded by Linda Cooper

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria B. Hock