

A STITCH IN TIME

Quilters Unlimited, Burke Chapter

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BURKE CALENDAR

January 2008

- 1-9 Business Meeting
- 1-23 Quilto

February 2008

- 2-13 Back to School Night
- 2-20 Business Meeting

March 2008

- 3-12 Workshop with Paula Nadelstern
Needle Stars
Location: TBD
- 3-12 Program: Paula Nadelstern
Symmetry and Surprise: The Kaleidoscope as Design Inspiration
- 3-15 National Quilt Day
- 3-26 Business Meeting

April 2008

- 4-9 Business Meeting
- 4-10 to 4-13 Spring Retreat
4-H Center, Front Royal, VA
- 4-20 Workshop with Barbara Olson
Prismatic Flowers
Location: Quilt Patch
- 4-23 Program: Barbara Olson
Quilting A Life — A Creative Journey

May 2008

- 5-1 QU Annual Meeting with Carol Doak
- 5-2 to 5-3 Workshops with Carol Doak
- 5-14 Business Meeting
- 5-28 Carly Mul—"News From Market: A Look at Colors and Trends"

June 2008

- 6-6 to 6-8 QU Quilt Show
- 6-11 June Social

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I don't know about you but I thoroughly enjoyed Paula Nadelstern's presentation in March. Quilters can be so ingenious in their creativity. I am looking forward to this month's program with Barbara Olsen, another very creative quilter.

The Spring Retreat is also coming up (the day after our business meeting), thanks to Kathye Gillette and her committee for all their hard work in making this happen.

We now have a Fall Retreat Committee!!! The bee, Women Who Run with Scissors, will be organizing the event for us. Thank you for volunteering!!!

We still need someone or a group to organize the June Social. We will have a meeting in June no matter what but there may not be any food if we do not get anyone to step forward.

The Big QU Annual meeting is May 1st. Carol Doak will be our guest speaker after the business is conducted (elections, nominations from the floor, etc.) She will also be doing a lecture before the meeting at 4:15 pm. The whole event will be held at NOVA in the Ernst Community Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA. Carpooling is suggested since there is a parking fee. She will also be conducting 3 workshops on May 2nd and 3rd. All the details were in the big QU newsletter and can be read on the big QU web site, www.quiltersunlimited.org. Hope to see you there.

Kathy Lincoln

Unless otherwise noted, Burke QU chapter meetings take place at:

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BURKE HAPPENINGS

“Prismatic Flowers” Workshop

with Barbara Olson

Sunday, April 20th at The Quilt Patch

10:00 am – 4:30 pm Cost \$45

The “Prismatic Flowers” workshop will be taught by Barbara Olson on April 20th. Playing with color, texture, depth and shading, students will manifest a small flower piece filled with light and energy. Choosing from one of Barbara's flower drawings eliminates the drafting and allows students to go right to designing with fabric. The main ingredients needed to create a flower filled with light and energy are a playful spirit and a wonderful variety of multi colored shaded fabrics.

Barbara is a national and international award winning quilt artist. Her quilts have appeared in publications and exhibits around the world. “In The Beginning” one of Barbara's art quilts was chosen as one of the 100 Best American Quilts of The Century. Many of her art quilts are included in corporate and private collections across the country. Checkout her website at www.barbaraolsonquiltart.com

The workshop is currently full. The class is limited to 20 students. To be added to the waiting list, contact Linda Snow at ljsnow2@verizon.net

MORE BURKE HAPPENINGS ON PAGE 3...

April Special Event

“Quilting A Life” – A Creative Journey

by Barbara Olson

Wednesday evening, April 23rd, 7:30 pm

Don't miss it!!!

MORE BURKE HAPPENINGS

Baby Quilts are So Special!

You've made someone smile! You should feel warm all over!

This month, at the new Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter, a young girl celebrated her 12th birthday and a set of twins was delivered. Your quilts were a welcome addition to both events! Doesn't it feel wonderful to know that you've made a difference in someone's life?

Twelve quilts were delivered to the new shelter this month (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/factsheets/kkh_familyshelter_factsheet.htm), and 10 more to the Early Headstart program in Fairfax County Public Schools, which helps teenage mothers learn parenting and life skills and provides daycare and early education for new babies.

I still have a few quilts ready to be delivered, perhaps to the Linus Project or to another worthy group, but there are so many more needed. Please stop at the Baby Quilts table for ideas or fabric; and make a quilt! Minimum size 30" x 30", please, and make sure it's all cotton. The simplest quilt won't take long to make, and will be so appreciated!

Don't forget to add your pink "block" to the BQU "Charity Quilts" Quilt Chart.

Thanks for your hard and loving work!

Lynn Van Keuren

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Lap Robes + Spring Retreat or Bee

Meeting = Fun

Spring retreat is a perfect place to whip out a charity project. We will have kits available at the 4-H center. Making lap robes is a perfect project for a bee meeting, too

Check Out the BIG QU Events on Page 6 of This Newsletter!

Big QU Show Coming!

June 6th, 7th, 8th

At the Dulles Expo Center

Big QU Volunteers Needed!

Burke QU Volunteers Needed!

Big QU Annual Meeting

Place: Northern Virginia Community College

Ernst Community Cultural Center

8333 Little River Turnpike

Annandale, VA

Time: 7:30 PM

Events: Big QU Board elections, Carol Doak Lecture ("One Quilter's Journey")

More Info: www.quiltersunlimited.org

Coming Soon to Burke QU:

Quilting on a WhiM

It's Spring and we're all ready for **Quilting on a WhiM!** No worries... just a little creativity, good friends, our favorite quilting tools and some fabulous fabric brought to you by the Burke QU Ways and Means Committee.

Let the color ways of **Quilting on a WhiM** stir your imagination. Will it be the cool, fresh hues of **Kiwi Splash** in blues, periwinkles and greens, or the tranquil spirit of the Orient that glows with **Black Cherry Blossom** (the name says it all)? Or, will your creation begin against the creamy backdrop of **Vanilla Canvas**?

Each collection of 20 fat quarters, custom blended for **Quilting on a WhiM**, will be available at Burke QU meetings beginning April 9. You decide...maybe one or maybe all will inspire your next creation, but don't delay...they won't last long!

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MORE BURKE HAPPENINGS

Appreciation for Lap Robes

The Activity Director at Burke Health & Rehabilitation Center recently expressed her appreciation for the holiday lap robes: "Thank you... Quilters Unlimited for making the lap robes we passed out to our patients and residents.

They appreciate it a lot. It keeps them warm. Thanks again!!"

Won't you pick up a kit (pattern, batting, and fabric) and stitch a gift of love to our local senior citizens? They are thrilled when we take the time to stitch a lab robe for them. Our robes are designed to keep legs covered and secure in place while sitting. It is really very easy to make a lap robe, and you get to practice your quilting techniques, and maybe try some new moves.

If you have your own materials and just need the instructions mailed or e-mailed, contact Marsha White (mf.white@verizon.net or phone 703-690-4384), or Sue Bynum (SBynum@wtplaw.com or phone 703-658-

BQU FUNDRAISER

Quilting Design Nail Files

\$2.00 each

This is a special offering/fundraiser that directly benefits BQU. At the quilt shows, you've seen the nail files with lovely quilt designs. They are now being offered for sale at our meetings. Please see Kathye Gillette to buy your nail file (also a good idea to give as a gift).

We should have the best manicured hands in the area!

Come out and support our fundraising efforts!

Fabric Donations Being Accepted for Stitchin'Time

Stitchin' Time is an outreach program at the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland MD run by a group of quilters. The group of quilters go to the correctional institution every week to teach and encourage the men to create quilts which are donated to children and persons in need. The men have donated over 900 quilts which have been given to Salem, a home for children in the Frostburg area, a Family Crisis Resource Center, the Pediatrics Ward at Memorial Hospital, veterans at local veteran facilities, and many others. After receiving an initial \$1,000 in start up funds, the program is required to run 100% from donations. The BQU Donations committee will propose a monetary donation in the amount of \$100 to help, but they would also like to ask the members to make personal donations to be delivered to the chairwoman of the project. At the April 9th and 23rd meetings, the Donations Committee will collect donations of thread, fabric (100% cotton), small pieces of batting (they sew it together), orphan blocks, and unfinished projects. The Donations Committee hopes you will help out this very worthwhile project.

If you have questions, contact Kathy Gray (703-361-6471, kathythequilter@verizon.net) or Debbie Repass (703-503-9309, Debrepass@verizon.net).

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$17,535.41 Please remember Diane's new address is:
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Submitted by Diane Meyer.

BIG Q U EVENT

QU Guild Members!

BE A 2008 QU SHOW DAY VOLUNTEER -- OWN THE SHOW!

You can “own the show” – feel proud of making it happen. **Sign up and take on at least one show-day task at the Quilters Unlimited 2008 Quilt Show on June 6, 7, 8 at the Dulles Expo Center North Hall, 4368 Chantilly Center, Chantilly, VA.** Lend a hand for at least 2 hours and your entry fee will be reduced to half price for the day pass (to \$5) or for the three day pass (to \$10), whichever you prefer. Sign up early!

Show Day Tasks: Wear those white gloves to assist viewers to examine the quilts more closely (**Hosting**); Cruise the vendor area and “booth-sit” for vendors if they need a short break (**Vendor Tender**); Welcome visitors, sell them a ticket (paper bracelet) to attend the show, and place the bracelet on their wrist (**Ticket Sales & Bracelets**); Sell QU souvenirs and CDs (**Product Sales**), or Help Out where needed (**Floater**). Being a “newbie” is just fine; orientation is provided when you sign in. Hundreds of task slots – take more than one!

We’ve Gone “Green”: **Sign up by Email or Telephone!** Contact Mount Vernon QU at (email) qushowvol@cox.net, or Kathy Edwards, MVQU, (telephone) 703-780-8323, or Tammy Fletcher, MVQU, at (telephone) 703-780-1951. Please provide your NAME; CHAPTER; EMAIL ADDRESS (or TELEPHONE if you don’t have email); the TASK you want to fill, and the SHIFT(s) you want to work. Please put the words “QU Volunteer” in the email subject line.

2008 QU Show Hours (Time slots include reporting early for sign in, orientation & posting)

Friday, June 6 (show) 10-6	Volunteer Time Slots: 9:30-12; 11:45-2; 1:45-4; 3:45-6
Saturday, June 7 (show) 10-5	Volunteer Time Slots: 9:30-12:30; 12:15-3:00; 2:45-5
Sunday, June 8 (show) 11-4	Volunteer Time Slots: 10:30-1:30; 1:15-4

Volunteers Needed!

I need some volunteers for the set-up and take-down for the Quilt Show at the Expo center! I need you!

Please send email to QuilterJenStM@aol.com If you are available for a shift - because Burke is in charge of obtaining our own volunteers for set-up and take-up, I encourage you to consider a volunteer shift with me! It is heavy but rewarding work!