

A STITCH IN TIME

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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: TBD
- 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 Program Meeting

June 2008

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, I hope all of you had a great holiday season and are ready to launch 2008. I thought that this year would never be a real year. When we bought our first house in 1978, the mortgage was a 30 year mortgage and we were signing paperwork that read that the loan would be finished in 2008. We just laughed; it seemed so improbable that we would ever get to this year. Well, here we are. I wonder if the next 30 years are going to go as fast!

The business meeting this month is going to be very busy. Besides signing up for retreat and a myriad of other activities, we are going to have our holiday social except now it will be our Winter Social. There is a lot of info in this month's newsletter so read it carefully.

See you in January.

Kathy Lincoln

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BURKE HAPPENINGS

“Stash Builder” Quilto

Are you wishing for a big snow storm? Are you dreaming of quilting as inches of snow fall outside? Is your stash big enough to survive being house bound? Are you prepared? Will you have enough fabric?

Join us for “Stash Builder” Quilto on Wednesday the 23rd of January. Any color you can think of, you will have a chance to win. There are beautiful greens and browns for leaves and trees. Think tone-on-tones, with a stripe and a batik mixed in. There pretty pastels perfect for a baby quilt. And of course, there are just got-to-have fabrics. Every prize will be different!

Here are the rules. Burke QU members play for free and are eligible to win prizes. Each member will automatically receive one Quilto card. Up to two additional cards may be purchased for \$1 each while they last. All money raised goes to Burke QU Ways and Means. Bring bingo markers or buttons or M&Ms or whatever to mark your game cards.

We'll play fourteen games of “Stash Builder” Quilto, including the final “cover all” game for the “Ultimate Stash”. Ties will be settled by drawing from a deck of cards. High card will win the game and all others will win consolation prizes while they last.

To keep spreading the wealth, each member can win only one “Stash Builder” or one consolation prize. If you win a “Stash Builder” game after you win a consolation prize, you'll need to return the consolation prize for another lucky winner. Of course, all members are eligible for the “Ultimate Stash”, whether they've won already or not. We'll draw names for the leftover consolation prizes.

Be ready for that snowstorm! Don't miss “Stash Builder” Quilto on Wednesday, January 23, 2008. Come have some fun and maybe take home some fabric!

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Busy Business Meeting

We have a lot planned for our January business meeting. Make sure you don't miss out!

- * Enjoy Holiday goodies
- * Sign-up for Paula Nadelstern's "Needle Stars" workshop
- * Get your quilt photographed for the quilt show
- * Sign-up for the Spring Retreat
- * Meet the Bee
- * Bring your show-n-tell
- * And so much more!

Important Calendar Update

Due to a scheduling conflict at Cherry Run Elementary, we have revised our February schedule. Back to School night will be February 13th and our Business meeting will be February 20th. Please update your calendars!

Baby Quilts

Let's all make a New Year's Resolution to bring some love to a child in the form of a quilt, shared with love and shared from the heart.

Check at the "baby quilt" table to pick up a pattern or an idea, and some fabric. I've been playing with some new patterns you might like to try. Or check <http://www.quiltmaker.com/patterns/patt322/> to view the newest Project Linus pattern provided by Quiltmaker. This is their 9th Linus pattern and they are all available from their website: <http://www.quiltmaker.com/projectlinus/>
Enjoy!

Don't forget to add a "block" to the "Quilt for Others" quilt as you turn in your baby quilt. By June we're sure to have a complete "quilt" to bear witness to your generosity!

Burke QU Directories will still be available for pick up at meetings in January. Please have a fellow member pick it up for you if you can't attend the meetings. Chris Eiloo
ceiloo@cox.net

Treasurer's Report

Treasury Report: Current balance is **\$10,393.71**. There will be reimbursement checks available at the next meeting. If you are expecting a refund or reimbursement, please help me find you at the next meeting.

Thanks, Diane Meyer

BIG QU NEWS

QU Winter Quilt In

Quilters Go Green! Here's your chance – the Winter Quilt In offers creativity and fun, plus a worthwhile theme – taking better care of our environment!

When: Sunday, January 13, 2008 from 1 – 4 PM

Where: Cafeteria Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church 22042

Join us! Please bring a dessert to share, some handwork (no machines), blocks for the drawing—see below, your latest project for show-n-tell and come enjoy an afternoon with friends and members of other QU Chapters.

And, don't forget, wear something green!

Bottled water will be provided (and the bottles recycled). If you want other types of drinks please bring your own.

“No Pattern” Blocks (four options) — Blocks should be 8.5” square to finish at 8”. The more you make and bring, the greater your chance to win!

Appliqué – on a light green or ecru background, illustrate something on the earth that you cherish and/or want to help save. Can be very simple. Examples: trees, flowers, mountains, animals. All colors are fine as long as you use some green and/or ecru.

Patchwork – should relate in either its design or (if a traditional block) its name to something on earth that you cherish and/or want to help save. Examples trees (pine?), mountains (delectable), flowers, stars, homes (log cabin). All colors are fine as long as you use some green and/or ecru.

Blank Block – plain, no needlework – if solid must be green or ecru, if print must pertain in some way to the theme and must contain some green and/or ecru.

Or

Fat Quarter – Need to “grab and go”? Bring in a fat quarter. Again if solid, must be green or ecru, if print, must pertain in some way to the theme and must contain some green and/or ecru.

Directions to Falls Church High School: Take 495 to Route 50 exit 50B-A towards Arlington (1.3 miles), turn right onto Jaguar Trail, at fork continue to the right. Go to the back of the school and enter through door number 7 to the cafeteria.

Linda Snow says...

I always enjoy the big QU events (even though I am exhausted from the week at work). Mark your calendars. Don't miss a single event! I'll see you there!

Other Big Quilting Dates

March 15, 2008	National Quilt Day
May 1, 2008	QU Annual Meeting with Carol Doak
May 2-3, 2008	Workshops with Carol Doak

MORE BURKE HAPPENINGS

New Year's Resolutions

- * **Spend a few minutes each day quilting** – call it an attitude adjustment!
- * **Make a charity quilt** – think of someone receiving a quilt hug
- * **Attend a quilt show** – get inspired
- * **Learn a new technique** - Take a class - Burke QU has two upcoming workshops or contact one of our local quilt shops
- * **Volunteer** – there are many opportunities to help out at Burke QU
- * **Make a new quilting friend** – join a bee or go out to lunch with new friends
- * **Plan to finish at least one UFO**—if you no longer want it, donate it as a charity quilt

Burke QU Challenge 2008

Make Mine Muslin

Begin with plain simple quilter's muslin then do anything you want to it before making your quilt. No rules about what you can and cannot do. Fold, dye, bead, pound, stitch, embroider or paint it – it doesn't matter. **It does not have to be a whole cloth but at least 50% of your quilt should be made of manipulated muslin!** What we want to see is the finished quilt and to hear the explanation of what you did to the fabric before it became a quilt. The quilts will be shown at the Spring Social. Any questions should be addressed to Kathy Gray 703-361-6471 or kathythequilter@verizon.net

“Needle Stars” Workshop with Paula Nadelstern

Wednesday, March 12th

10:30am – 4:30pm

Location to be Announced

Cost \$50

The “Needle Stars” workshop will be taught by Paula Nadelstern on March 12th. “Needle Stars” is a 4-patch block reminiscent of a kaleidoscopic pinwheel. During this one day class, students will learn all of the unique machine piecing and template techniques that Paula uses to create a complex image while simultaneously exploring the virtues of bilaterally symmetrical fabric. This class is both a process and a product class.

Paula is known throughout the international quilting community for her kaleidoscope quilts. One of her quilts is included in the “Twentieth Century’s 100 Best American Quilts”. Paula is a New Yorker who makes quilts on the same block in the Bronx where she grew up. A published author, Paula’s books [Kaleidoscopes and Quilts](#) and [Snowflakes and Quilts](#) are now out of print. She designs fabric for Benartex, Inc. and her current book is [Puzzle Quilts: Simple Blocks, Complex Fabric](#). Checkout her website at www.PaulaNadelstern.com

Sign-ups for the workshop begin on January 9th at the business meeting. The class is limited to 20 students. For more information, contact Linda Snow at ljsnow2@verizon.net