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Quilters Unlimited Centreville Chapter

From Our President

Dear Quilters,

Every time I tried to say thank you to Joan Unkel or Barbara Powers for their hard work and thorough organization of our November auction, they would tell me that it was all thanks to the rest of you for all your generous donations and your own hard work and willingness to pitch in. I have to say that although I have been part of many good volunteer organizations over the years, the unselfish, cheerful cooperation in Centreville QU continues to leave me grateful after almost ten years of membership.

Suzanne Auble, who provided excellent guidelines, advice and help for

Joan and Barbara after two years as auction chairperson herself, sent me a couple of significant numbers: we had 20% more members attend the auction than last year, and over twice as many guests. As people enjoyed themselves and found bargains or irresistibly beautiful items, we had the most successful auction ever. Thank you to all of you who participated! It means that our budget is in good shape this year, and we can commit to some really good programs next year for all of us to enjoy.

I'm writing this letter from Michigan's version of quilt camp. When the hunters hit the woods for deer season, the quilters fill

the stores and classes. The hunters are looking to fill their freezers and the quilters are taking advantage of their absence to fill their shelves. My husband and son tried deer camp this season (no bullets fired, just lots of camaraderie and fun) while I worked on my quilt for the quilt show, kept my father-in-law company, and shopped. If fabric needed to be frozen, I might be able to fill our freezer. Now to turn it into exciting quilts.

I bought a thread catcher from the local quilt shop and had it when my sister-in-law took me to her spinners guild meeting. None of them have threads

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From Our Auction Co-Chair

Congratulations! Centreville QU conducted a very successful auction in November. Members of CQU participated in many different ways to promote our yearly fund raiser, and, as a result, enjoyed an evening of fun and spirited bidding. The earnings from the auction were substantial and a tribute to all of the work, talent, and generosity of our members.

Scott Dratch, our auctioneer, kept the evening lively and very profitable! We all enjoyed his sense of humor and bid generously as a result of his talented facilitation of the bidding. Thank you, Scott!

There was an omission on the auction handout. Linda Baughman, the librarian at Colin Powell Elementary School, donated 17 beautiful fabric bowls to our auction. Thank you. Linda!
Joan Unkel



Thanks To Colin Powell Elementary School

The night of our auction started out with us giving back to someone who helped make the auction such a success. An alphabet quilt was presented to Linda Baughman, Librarian at Colin Powell. Linda made a donation of 17 quilted bowls for our auction. The alphabet quilt will hang in the library for the entire school community to enjoy. This is the second quilt that CQU members have made and

donated to the school.

Members that helped include Jean Klimek, Susan Boyle, Linda Dyer, Terri Klear, Moko Wharton, Sara Stone, Mary Jane Meehan, Susan Catlett, Tammy Cross, Aida Axelrod, Connie Gallant and Marianne Stana.

From Our President (continued)

or scraps from spinning yarn and had never seen one. Nevertheless, every one of them had an idea for how she would use one – like using it to hold small scissors or snacks, filling it with dried flowers, etc. I quilted until way after midnight that evening, still excited by the cross-discipline energies and the inspiration I took away from their ideas.

Patti Prevallet has some good workshops coming up which I hope you will be able to attend. Good ideas, stash busting, and great beginnings to gifts, charity quilts, or treasured pieces for your home. If you plan to turn a workshop piece into a quilt for someone in a hospital or other trouble who needs one, check with Adele Dillie for fabric from the community service box to get you started or to provide battings or backings.

This month might be a good time to get caught up on the mystery quilt if you haven't started it yet, make a block of the month if you haven't tried one, or make a tree ornament with a heart motif to donate to the ornaments to be displayed at the quilt show, then auctioned for research into women and heart disease.

Those are all small projects which might fit into short times available between holiday activities. Be sure to set aside an evening to join us for a fun game of Quilto and prizes. Whatever you concentrate on this month, I hope it is fun.

Happy holiday quilting,
Bonnie



*If your last name begins
with A-L, bring a dish to
Thursday's (12/8) meeting.*

Thanks From Colin Powell Elementary School

Dear Centreville Quilters Unlimited,

On behalf of our entire school community, I want to express my thanks to you for the beautiful alphabet quilt that was made for our library. The day following your annual quilt auction, Linda Baughman, our librarian proudly entered my office and showed the quilt to me. Truly, it is a work of art and a labor of tremendous talents. Your thoughtfulness means a great deal to each of us at Colin Powell Elementary School.

I also want you to know how appre-

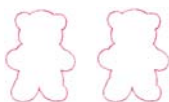
ciative we are for the generous donation that you gave to each of our new teachers at the start of the new school year. A teacher, new to the profession, often reaches well into his or her pocket to provide support to students. Your special gift was just what the six new teachers needed.

Thank you for all you do, here at CPES and throughout the greater Centreville community!

Sincerely,

Brian Hull

Community Service



Teddy bears are coming out in a new color design! At the recent Teddy Bear tea at Fair Oaks hospital, a specialist in neurology shared that it is especially helpful to make the teddy bears in combinations of white, red, and black. This color combo stimulates the baby. Because the premie babies are so very small themselves, the smaller sized bear pattern is preferred. Please see me for a pattern!

Thanks to the Artful Quilter, we continue to have a drop off point for our Compassion Quilts for the veterans at Walter Reed. Donations can be dropped off at our monthly meetings for collection.

At our future meetings, a box or two of donated fabric will be made available

for those who would like to make a community service project from it. Our stockpile contains several baby quilt kits.

If anyone regularly visits a local nursing home and would like us to support it by making walker bags, please contact Adele Dillie.

At our December meeting, we will hold a gift certificate drawing for those who have contributed to Community Service this fall. Centreville QU members are most generous – many thanks!

Community Service quilt sizes for:

- **Crib Quilts:** Approximately 36" x 36" (newborn), up to 40" x 44" (toddlers to 6 years)

- **Compassion Quilts for Veterans** – size: 45" x 60". Please remember our men and women vets.

Stop by or contact me for patterns for the following:

- "Reach for Recovery" bags for cancer patients. This is a tote bag with matching pillow that new patients receive from the American Cancer Society.
- Crochet or knit caps for newborn babies at Fair Oaks Hospital
- Teddy bears

Questions? Contact Adele Dillie

Spring Retreat!!

When: April 28,29,30

Where: Hunting Ridge Retreat House, Winchester, VA
www.huntingridgeretreat.com

Signs ups were accepted for the Spring Retreat at the November Auction Get Together. All 24 spaces were filled rapidly and we currently have a waiting list of 3 people.

If you would like to add your name to the Waiting List, please sign up at the December meeting or contact:

Mary Jane Meehan
703.359.4399
mjmeehan1016@aol.com

If you are interested in going to the retreat but are not sure that you

can commit to the dates this far in advance, please put your name on the waiting list. There is no obligation to be on the list. The \$50.00 deposit is only accepted once your name moves to the confirmed list.

New Books in Our Library

24 Blocks You Never Dreamed You Could Paper Piece by Linda Causee: Make complicated blocks without cutting shapes ahead of time and you will not have to do any inset piecing. You can make blocks with curves by sewing straight lines and your points will be pointy, not flat.

Scrap Lap Quilts by House of White Birches: The title tells it all. Instructions for 18 different lap size quilts. A great way to use up those scraps from

previous projects.

Top It With A Runner by Elaine Waldschmitt: 7 gorgeous runners to top any table using both applique and piecing techniques.

Piecing With Scraps by Better Homes & Gardens : Scrap quilting is a thrifty art. Your scrap stash is a savings account for a cozy quilt. Patterns are included for both pieced and appliqued quilts.

7 Day Quilts-Make a Full-Size Quilt in a Week by Rita Weiss: These are simple quilts that go together quickly and easily.

Visit our website to view our list of books:
quiltersunlimited.org/docs/cvillelibrary.pdf

If you wish to reserve a book, email Chris White at cwhite743@aol.com

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Upcoming Events

- 12/3/05 CQU Workshop, 10 –5 pm: “No Peeking” Holiday Table Runner— room still available
- **12/8/05 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting**, 7:30pm , Winter Social, *Colin Powell Elementary School*; “Quilto”
- **1/12/06 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting**, 7:30pm *Colin Powell Elementary School*; “Too Quirky Quilters”
- 1/15/06 CQU Workshop, "Sun Bonnet Sue"
- 1/17/06 Springfield QU Chapter, Eileen Doughty Lecture
- 1/25/06 Burke QU Chapter, Quilto
- 1/28/06 Centreville Chapter Board Meeting, 10:00am, Bonnie’s house
- 2/4/06 CQU Workshop, “Plaid Goose Tracks”
- **2/9/06 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting**, 7:30pm *Colin Powell Elementary School*
- **3/9/06 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting**, 7:30pm *Colin Powell Elementary School*; CQU Bloomin’ quilts collected for Library Display

Need to add an event to the Calendar? Contact Deb Cobb! deb@cobbsoft.com

CQU Workshop Schedule

December Workshop

"No Peeking" Holiday table runner class still has openings. The cost of the kit is \$8. The workshop is Saturday, December 3rd from 10 to 5 at the Centreville Library. Please call me if you are interested.

January Workshop

"Sun Bonnet Sue" Valentines Day wall hanging designed and taught by Tammy Cross. Workshop is Sunday, January 15th from 10 to 5. Sign up at the December meeting or call (email) me to reserve your spot!

February Workshop

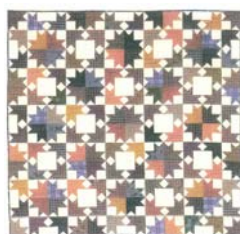
Scheduled for Saturday, February 4 is titled "Plaid Goose Tracks".

Sign up will also be at the December meeting.

Questions? Contact Patti Prevallet



January Workshop: Sweet-hearts. Photo: Tammy Cross



February Workshop: Plaid Goose

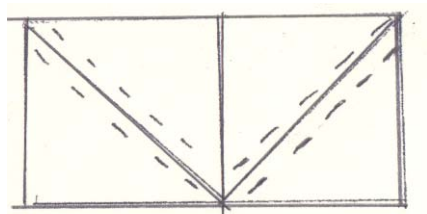
Membership Report

We welcomed two new members to Centreville QU. They are **Michelle Hale** and **Margy Raube**. Be sure to say hi to them at our next meeting. We now have 124 members. I will continue to take renewal and new memberships at our December meeting. We did not have a nametag drawing in November due to the auction but will have one in December so be sure to wear your nametag. Nametags also are a great way to learn a new name and make a new friend.

Jacqueline Lehman

December Block of the Month: Snowman Block

- 1 - 6½" square of snowman fabric
- 4 - 3½" squares of background fabric (white)
- 2 - 4" red,
2 - 4" BG
Layer the 4" blocks and sew on diagonals, turn to 3½"



- 4 - 3½ green



PLEASE NOTE: One part of the pattern for December's block was wrong. The red part of each red/background half square triangle square should touch the center square. On one side it was rotated ¼ turn so please look carefully at the pattern before piecing the block together. Some of the patterns were corrected, but most were not. Hope this does not inconvenience you too much. Thanks for your participation.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance (October 13, 2005): **\$11,787.98**

Credits:

Membership Dues 2005-2006	\$260.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$24.00
Fall Retreat	\$520.00
McCalls	\$15.00

Debits:

Membership Dues	\$930.00	
McCall's Quilting	\$10.50	
T-Shirts	\$211.26	
Programs	\$426.39	
Fall Retreat	\$3,252.86	
Spring Retreat	\$396.00	
Library	\$73.51	
Fall Quilt-In	\$44.50	
TOTALS:	\$5,345.02	\$819.00

Balance as of November 9, 2005: **\$7,261.96**

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Cross, Treasurer
November 14, 2005

There will be two (2) drawings at our December meeting, the one for November and the one for December. They will be individual drawings with two places to put your name if you have made the two different blocks. You still have time to make a November Bear's Paw block and turn it in.

Kathy Nagle (540-785-9904)

Merlene Lewis (703-830-2538)

Bake Sale

Thanks to all of you who brought items to sell and bought items to enjoy and helped organize the table. Our bake sale raised \$148.60!

Deb Cobb

T-Shirts

Those members who ordered t-shirts will be able to purchase them at the December social. Please bring check made out to Centreville QU or nine dollars in cash.

Merlene Lewis (703-830-2538)



Library Display: Bloomin' Centreville!

If you don't have something already, consider making a quilt for our quilt display at the Centreville Library in April.

Quilts with flowers, quilts made with floral fabric, or spring themed quilts, are wanted for the display. For our enthusiastic members who loan a quilted item for the display, we have a surprise! Surprise to

be revealed at the December meeting.

Please contact Sue Geschke 703-378-4997, Lisa Smith 703-968-3268, Jacqueline Lehman 703-266-8870, Claire Morson 703-830-5939, or Deb Dratch 703-322-8748, with any questions. We'll collect items at the March meeting. Thanks!

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Fun was had by all at this year's auction.

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