



February 2005

**February 10th
The CQU Meeting**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Centreville Quilters,

I'm watching these fat snowflakes fall and appreciating both having a day for quilting and the fact that the weather hasn't canceled anything important for me. I hope it hasn't for you, either. I'm looking at dark green grass sticking up through the white and dark green pine trees with a dusting of white, with lovely brown accents in the picnic table and leafless branches. Every fall I start snapping pictures for the epic fall leaf quilt I'm going to make some day, but today I'm realizing how really lovely and comforting the colors of winter are. Lots of brown free motion stitching over white, dark green and a bit of black – wouldn't that make a lovely quilt? Hmmmm.

I've realized that one of the best parts of writing articles for our newsletter, having a place on the Centreville chapter board and working on the quilt show is the anticipation of coming events. I stop and look forward to the quilt show at least every other day, all year long. I'm already getting excited about the quilt-in, because I think it is a lot of fun, and the more I participate with Big QU and meet people from other chapters, the more fun I think the quilt-ins become. This time I've promised myself that I'm going to participate in the block exchange and win a door prize.

That's another part of QU – the not being able to do everything. There are so many possible activities that I can never say I've done it all, from chapter block of the month and mystery quilt, to workshops, with our chapter and others and Big QU, making items for our auction and the QU auction, retreats, bus trips to quilt shows, to bringing food here, there and everywhere. Being able to change activities, to focus on different aspects from year to year keeps the organization fresh for me. I would rather have too many activities than the opposite, so I have lots of choices.

Now is the time to give yourself a treat, set aside the time for a weekend of quilting and mail a check to Jennifer Betar for the retreat weekend. It is a great time to make a 12 ½" (unfinished) block with pink in it for the breast cancer awareness show ribbon, along with the block of the month. Or, make the paper pieced block given out at the last meeting, throw some scrappy nine patch blocks into a quilt top for charity or start a wonderful new project for yourself. This is the perfect time of year and type of day to be binding a quilt, enjoying its warmth spread over your lap while you work. All of this, of course, after you've selected and quilted your entries for the quilt show, which need to come to our February meeting to be measured and applications turned in.

If you are not inspired, call someone else in the chapter and ask what they are working on. If you're not sure who to call, call Jean Klimek and ask her for names of some of the newest bee members – they are probably other folks who would appreciate a friendly quilting conversation. Call Mary Jane Meehan and ask her how to prepare for the next workshop. Quilting at home is sort of like working from home – more efficient and productive when you are motivated, but sometimes socialization helps. That's what this note has done for me – my fingers are itching and I can hear my machines humming. I'm off to do some stitching! See you in February, when we will all get inspired by Sheri Alcorn, of the Artful Quilter!

Piecefully yours,
Bonnie

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Magazines Subscriptions

We are collecting orders for the Fons and Porter magazine. If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription, please look for the sign at the next meeting. The subscription costs \$20.00, of which \$10.00 stays with our QU chapter!

Check out the various magazines offered through Chuck Friedman Magazines.

T-Shirts

Call Merlene Lewis at 703-830-2538 for a long sleeve T-shirt with the CQU logo.

Redwork Bee

We meet every third Thursday at Colin Powell. Everyone is welcome whether you are doing redwork or not.

Membership Report

We are up to an all time high of 129 members with two new members and two renewals in January. Be sure to welcome Louise Matthews and Dolores Rooney. Dues are half price to new members in January, February and March so if you know any quilters interested, invite them to join us.

Suzanne Auble was the lucky winner of our nametag drawing for the **second** month in a row. Be sure to wear your nametag to the next meeting to have a chance to win.

Jacqueline Lehman

Block of the Month

We had 18 blocks turned in last meeting (Miller's Daughter). February's block will be "Rambler". It should be done in 2 shades of pinks and/or reds with white, white on white or bleached muslin background. Please don't let the flying geese intimidate you, this is a good chance to practice. While making one for the exchange, why don't you make one for the Pink Ribbon donations. Thanks to all who are participating.

Kathy and Merlene

June Quilt Show

Hello Ladies, I hope that everyone is planning to enter their quilts, wearables or dolls that you have worked on this past year! Remember that this is a non-juried show and this is your show, so please enter your quilts. It is a great feeling of accomplishment to see your quilt hanging with 500 + quilts. Here is a reminder of the requirements and deadlines:

Kim Eskelund has graciously volunteered to be our quilt collector for Centreville. Kim and I will be at the February 10th meeting to measure your quilts and applications. Applications are available to you on our www.quiltersunlimited.org website. Kim and I will be available to you at Colin Powell on the February 17th and February 27th from 7pm to 8pm as well.

Along with your application(s), you will need a color picture of your quilt.

The quilt must be measured by your quilt collector. It takes a month to do the layout and another month for approvals (from the committee and the fire marshall). Each quilt, doll or wearable must be in a pillow case, with your name, chapter, address, phone # written with pigma pen. Every quilt must have a hanging sleeve with the same information on it. Also a label in the bottom left corner with your name and chapter. Directions are on the applications. Call me or Kim if you have any questions. Quilts must be turned in to the Big QU by February 28th. Also, we are responsible again this year to help set up the show. Please plan to help. The more hands the lighter the work load. Dates for set up help are, May 31st to help load the truck. Thursday, June 1st @ 8 am to unload truck and set up. Sunday, June 5th 4:45 to help take down, then on to the storage area to unload truck. Volunteers will also be needed to collect money at the door, white glove ladies and vendor helpers. Again the call is out for young people (must be at least 18) to work helping with set up and porter for the vendors. \$10.00 per will be paid for set up by QU, the vendors will also pay \$10.00 for porters.

Thank You,
Connie Gallant
703/754-4314

Community Service

A Penny for your Thoughts--Please

Since the gift certificate raffle held at our December meeting, I had a member suggest to me that we give more gift certificates in smaller denominations so that more members have a chance to win. At the December drawing, a \$25 gift certificate was drawn for members who had contributed charity quilts and teddy bears for Fair Oaks Hospital. Her suggestion was that we give two \$10 gift certificates, one for charity quilts and another for teddy bears. This got me to thinking that perhaps we should re-evaluate our other gift certificates as well. In December we raffled a \$25 certificate to those who had contributed baby caps and recovery bags in the same drawing. So, I have decided that when we do our next drawing in June we should offer four \$10 certificates (one for charity quilts, one for teddy bears, one for baby caps, and one for Reach for Recovery Bags for cancer patients) and another \$25 gift certificate for Compassion Quilts for military injured in the war in Iraq. If this change meets with your approval, then our June raffle will be conducted in the manner suggested above. If you have strong thoughts to the contrary, **please share your thoughts on the matter!** Thanks.

I delivered the Compassion Quilts contributed by some of our members at our January meeting to the Artful Quilter and they were thrilled to get them. Good work, ladies!

I delivered some of the fabric that had been donated to us to Barbara Denmon of the Vienna Chapter of QU to be sent to the Hope Christian Mission School in Pignon, Haiti. The women there use the fabric in a cottage industry to make clothing for natives & children and to teach sewing skills to younger women. Thank you for your generosity—it's great to put the fabric to good use.

Jean Klimek

Nominating Report

We all have enjoyed this exciting quilting year because of the hard work and thoughtfulness of our many Centreville volunteer members. Would you like to join the team of enthusiastic quilters who make the

Centreville QU one of the best? We'll be looking for new volunteers to take over some of the work for next year and you would be a great fit!

Please email me at sboyle@lycos.com if you'd like to volunteer your expertise for next year's board, or, look for me at the meetings. Maybe you and a friend would like to share the responsibility of one of the positions! Please be thinking about how you could contribute to next year's fun. Already, we know that Patty Prevallet, our treasurer for several years, would like to train someone new for the position for next year. Patti is very efficient and has set a easy system for handling the responsibility. She'd be happy to train you at each of the meetings before June when the books are turned over to the new treasurer. I look forward to talking with you about your interest in serving the QU next year!

Susan Boyle

QUILTERS' RESOURCE

For lots of quilting news throughout our region and a good source for networking among quilters, subscribe to the QU Digest. This is an email newsletter which comes several times a week with items of interest submitted by QU members. Send an email to QUDigest@cox.net, stating your chapter affiliation and your name and preferred email address. You can unsubscribe at any time. This newsletter generates no spam at all and your email address is never passed on to others

Workshop News

Susan Haftel will teach our March 6th Vest Workshop from 12-5 at the Centreville Library. Susan will have vests on display at the Feb 10th meeting, as well as fabric requirements & kits available for purchase that evening. To sign up for this free workshop, please contact Mary Jane Meehan (mjmeehan1016@aol.com) or Marianne Stana (mhstana@cox.net)

Workshop is limited to 18 members.

Spring Retreat

I am still collecting deposits for the April 15-17 Spring retreat at Winchester's Hunting Ridge Retreat. We currently have 22 out of 24 spaces reserved. Please get your deposit of \$50 to me to reserve your spot. The remaining \$50 will be due at the March meeting or in that timeframe if you are unable to attend the meeting. Please have your monies paid by March 31st. You may mail your check to me: Jennifer Betar, 43663 Mink Meadows St, South Riding, VA 20152.

If you are unable to attend this retreat, keep your calendars open for the Fall retreat to be held at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA from Oct 14 – 16, 2005. The total cost for this weekend with 2 overnights and 6 meals will be \$175. Deposits to reserve your spot for the fall retreat will be collected at the May Centreville QU meeting.

Jennifer Betar



News from the Bee Keeper

We have a few new members who would like to join a "bee." If your bee has an opening (or two), please let me know. It's such a great way for new members to get to know you—please let's make them feel welcome. Thanks!

Jean Klimek



Don't forget to check our website if you want to reserve a book for the next meeting. Email me and I will bring it if it isn't already reserved or checked out. I don't bring all of our books to each meeting as there are too many to carry! Books from the library can be reserved by emailing Chris White at cwhite743@aol.com I'll bring the books you want to the next

Centreville QU meeting.

The library web site is <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/cvillelibrary.pdf>
if you want to see a listing of our books.

New Beginnings-Wedding and Birth Quilts by Trice Boerens. Nine designs to make wall hangings or crib sized quilts to commemorate a marriage or a birth. Each pattern provides a place to personalize the quilt.

Heirloom Machine Quilting, 4th Edition by Harriet Hargrave. A comprehensive guide to hand-quilting effects using your sewing machine. New information and tips developed since the last edition cover the basics and beyond.

Phenomenal Fat Quarter Quilts by M'Liss Rae Hawley. Eight fun quilt projects to help you design your own fat-quarter friendly quilt.

Through the Year Quilts by Leisure Arts. Make a quilt or wall hanging to celebrate each month or season of the year with one of the 17 patterns included in the book.

Chris White

Centreville QU Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2005

President - Bonnie Wilbur. Bonnie welcomed everyone at 7:30 pm. She raised the question of whether or not we want to have a quilter's yard sale to make money. Questions to be considered: Would it be all donations, percentage donated and do we really need the money. See Bonnie if interested in volunteering to help or be chair.

Colin Powell School: Bonnie read a thank you letter from the school for the quilt we donated to the library. Since they are a new school they would love another quilt. Marianne Stana already has the fabric and pattern for the quilt. We need a volunteer to coordinate. See Bonnie or Marianne if interested. Thank you to Marianne for coordinating last year's quilt.

Big QU- Sign up for email newsletter. "QU Digest". Barb Tricarico has been doing the QU Digest for 10 years. The Mount Vernon Chapter is having financial problems. They are mostly senior members (>65) and life members (>75). They meet in a facility that does not allow raffles. We are looking for ideas for fund raising to help them. It was suggested they could put a separate section in our auction or just keep the money from the quilt they donate to our auction. There is a possibility that we could pay for one of their programs because it advances quilting education. Everything must go through Big QU and not chapter to chapter.

Treasurer Report – Patti Prevalet See Patti for magazine subscriptions or renewals. Patti would like a volunteer to take over as treasurer for next year so she could have a 2 month transition. You would need Excel and computer skills. See Susan Boyle or Patti if interested.

Workshops- Marianne Stana and Mary Jane Meehan Reminder there is still space for the workshop on Sun. Jan. 23 at the Centerville library from 12 to 5pm. Ragged hearts, stars & circles. Marianne will take the stars for soldiers' quilts if you don't want to keep them. Only snacks will be provided. Sign up with Mary.

Retreat – Jennifer Betar Currently have 18 signed up. Contract is for up to 24, but we will be paying 19 even if don't get a full count. Retreat is April 15-17 in Winchester. Give a check for \$50 to Jennifer as a deposit and pay remaining \$50 by March meeting.

Quilt show - Connie Gallant Applications are available tonight. Quilts must be measured and ready by the February 10th meeting. We also have the 3rd & 4th Thursdays at the school, so measuring can also be done those nights. Mary Jane showed the baskets for our contribution to the quilt show silent action. Last year we donated about 120 fat quarters so this year we are doing 3 baskets -- Holiday (Christmas, Halloween, Easter, etc); baby themes; and one miscellaneous for anything else. Mary Jane will was, iron and fold fat quarters that are donated.

Quilt Collector – Kim Eskelund Kim has to get all the quilt information (pictures, measurements, etc) to be chairperson by Mar 3. Quilts won't actually be collected until May. (In zippered pillow cases)

Beekeeper- Jean Klimek See Jean to join a bee.

Community Service- Jean Klimek See Jean for information about soldiers' quilts and other projects.

Block of the Month - Merelene Lewis Next pattern is on the back table. There was a drawing for 17 blocks went to Barbara Williams. Also still need pink blocks for ribbon cutting at the Quilt Show. They will be made into quilts to auction for fund raising. Give these blocks to Connie Gallant.

Membership - Jacqueline Lehman Rosters are available if you need one. Name tag drawing went to Suzanne Auble

Nominating Committee – Susan Boyle See Susan to volunteer for next year.

CQU Librarian- Chris White Pick up books on the back table. Remember to email Chris with requests from our website list to be sure the books are available.

Introduction of New Members- Bonnie Wilber There are four new members. Identify someone so you can have a conversation later.

Show and Tell Program- Polly Monica There are 6 mini workshops set up. You may attend 4 of the workshops lasting 15 minutes each. Thank you to our talented demonstrators.

Additional business Notes:

Mystery quilt – Carol Meeker Installment 5 is available tonight as well as previous ones if you missed any. If you missed any and would like Carol to email it to you let her know at cambigdog@aol.com If you have a mystery quilt from last year please submit it to the quilt show this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Stone

CENTREVILLE 2003-2004 CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Feb 10	CQU meeting – THE ARTFUL QUILTER TRUNK SHOW AND PREPARING A QUILT FOR LONGARM QUILTING	May 5	Big QU Annual Meeting Charlotte Warr Anderson: Charlotte’s Scrap Bag/ Business Meeting - Election of Officers for 2005-6 Goodwin House, Bailey's Crossroads
Feb 17	Redwork Bee Everyone is invited	Apr 15	CQU Spring Retreat
Feb 17 & 24	measuring times for quilt show submissions from 7 pm until 8 pm	May 6 & 7	Workshops with Charlotte Warr Anderson: May 6: Pieced Pictures, May 7: Appliqué for Realism in Brief
Feb 24-27	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show, Hampton Coliseum, Hampton, VA; www.quiltfest.com	May 12	CQU meeting – CINDY SISLER SIMMS Traditional to Art Quilts Show
March 6	Winter Quilt In for Big QU at West Springfield High School Cafeteria, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield; from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The Quilt In will have all the traditional events – door prizes, block exchange, potluck and great Sew and Tell	Jun 2	Quilt Show Setup
Mar 10	CQU meeting – SEWING ROOM ORGANIZATION	Jun 3-5	32 nd annual QU Quilt Show Dulles Expo Center
Mar 31 - Apr 3	Lancaster Quilt Show, Lancaster PA	Jun 9	CQU meeting – end of year social
Apr 14	CQU meeting – PRISCILLA STULTZ Wearable Art Trunk show	Jun 24-26	Vermont Quilt Festival, New England's oldest and largest Quilt Event, Northfield, VT

Change of Address

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