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Quilters Unlimited Centreville Chapter

From Our President

Dear Quilters,

My sister-in-law gave me a cute book called *At Knit's End* by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee. It contains Meditations for Women Who Knit Too Much.

Some of these meditations apply to quilters as well. "I will choose beverages to match my projects."

"There is no wrong way to knit (quilt)...I will resist the temptation to correct another knitter (quilter)."

(Although inspiring another quilter and passing on knowledge of different ways to accomplish the same quilting goal is an excellent thing to do.) In response to a quote of Dave Barry – "There is a very fine line between 'hobby' and 'mental illness.'" – she says "I will not let the (non-quilters) of the world decide how normal I am."

As I've been working on my quilt for the quilt show, I've been thinking about another couple of quotes from the book.

"The only way to educate the masses is to (quilt) for them." and "Done right, motherhood and (quilting) are both creative acts." to which I would add that they both are known to

produce mixed results.

In December, someone said to me that she was concerned about belonging to Quilters Unlimited because she didn't put herself in the same category as the many excellent quilters whose work she has been admiring. I've always been of the opinion that you don't even need to be a quilter to belong to QU – you just need to enjoy looking at quilts and hearing about the quilting process. Of course, I have a sneaking suspicion that a non-quilter who came to our meetings might sooner or later try quilting, which would be a very good thing indeed. And we certainly have some good programs and workshops coming up to get people inspired.

The *Too Quirky Quilters* (January's program) told me they write songs and jokes slanted to each performance. Kim and Becky have been quilting for quite a while, they are very creative, and they intersperse their musical performance with their quilts, so the evening should be a lot of fun.

Patti is taking registrations for January's Sunbonnet Sue workshop and Feb-

ruary's Plaid Goose Tracks workshop. As part of the very generous gift from Dana Sonnenburg when she closed down Memere's Garden for good, our chapter received a bunch of plaid fabrics, some of which I think Patti is planning to use as workshop door prizes.

As other parts of your life slow down to a winter pace, you might consider catching up with the mystery quilt, making the block of the month, calling Moko Wharton to find an open bee to join, making a heart shaped tree ornament to display at the quilt show and raise money for women's heart research, or getting fabric from Adele Dillie to make a charity quilt. Winter is a wonderful time to be working on a warm quilt, so happy stitching!

Piecefully yours,
Bonnie

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Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show

The 33rd Quilters Unlimited show will be held June 2 – 4, 2005. There is so much to do to prepare for the show, that quilt entries have to be submitted by February. Any QU member can enter two quilts guaranteed, and more if there is room (and there has always been room since the show has been located at the Dulles Expo Center).

The quilts must have been made by the QU member, at least in part, and they may not be entered if they have ever been displayed at a previous QU show.

The "quilt" category also includes wall hangings, table runners, and mini-quilts. Quilted garments and dolls may also be entered, and they have their own exhibit space.

Layout will be planned during March and April and cleared with the fire marshal, so once an item has been

entered, it is important not to pull it from the show.

The application for quilt entries will be posted on the www.quiltersunlimited.org site in January, and some hard copies will also be available at chapter meetings.

The quilts to be entered must be final sized before entry – that means all piecing and quilting must be complete and binding must be attached – although stitching the binding down or minor beading may not be complete. A picture of the quilt must accompany the application, and all entries must have their measurements confirmed by the chapter quilt collector, both of which allow the layout people to optimize the display. Read the instructions which accompany the application thoroughly for information on the hanging sleeve which must be added to the quilt, the labels which

must be attached to all entries, the requirements for the bags to contain your entries, etc. Quilts will be physically collected at the May meeting, and be available to be picked up at the June meeting. Call or email Connie Gallant or Bonnie Wilbur with any unanswered questions.

Classes will be available Thursday and all three days of the show. A web page of classes will be posted some time in January, and registration will be opened in February. We are excited about the quality and range of our teachers and subjects, and we hope you are also! Keep checking the www.quiltersunlimited.org/show.htm site for information.

Help!!

I lost my Santa earrings at the December meeting. They weren't found at the school. Did anyone find them at the meeting? Please contact me: Delia Cogar, 703-542-8356. Thanks!

Thank you for all those who contributed the delicious and varied food for our Christmas Social. Also many thanks to all the very willing helpers that helped with the "carry-in" and set-up.

Margo

New Books in our Library

Beautiful Borders, Backings and Bindings by Jill Reber and Margaret Sindelar: Here is help for you in choosing the perfect finish and complete your quilts with confidence.

40 Fabulous Quick-Cut Quilts by Evelyn Sloppy: If you love the look of traditional quilts, you'll enjoy this book. Create 40 scrappy-style quilts, with projects for all skill levels.

11 Laps From Fats by Ellen Replogle: Lap size quilts to make using fat quarters. Stack fat quarters and quickly cut with easy to follow rotary cutting diagrams.

Quilt Block Bonanza: 50 Paper Pieced Designs by Nancy Mahoney: Choose from 50 beautiful, easy to advanced blocks. Mix and match the blocks to create original quilts with eye-

catching patterns.

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

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

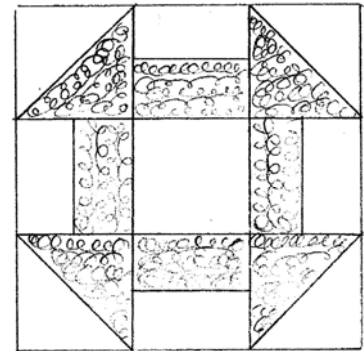
Block of the Month News

Congratulations to Merlene Lewis who won the 14 Bear's Paw blocks turned in for November and to Judi MacDonald who won the 13 Simple Snowmen blocks for December.

January's block of the month is the Churn Dash block. It should be done in Civil War type fabrics with a cream, muslin, cream-on-cream for the background. This is a very simple block so even you new quilters should try it.

It is great to see so many of you participating in the block of the month. Merlene and I want to thank you for making block of the month so successful. Please consider making a sampler for the end of the year meeting. I am still adding blocks to mine from last year.

Questions? Call Merlene at 703-830-2538 or Kathy Nagle at 540-785-9904.



BOM: Churn Dash

Color 1: Civil War type dark

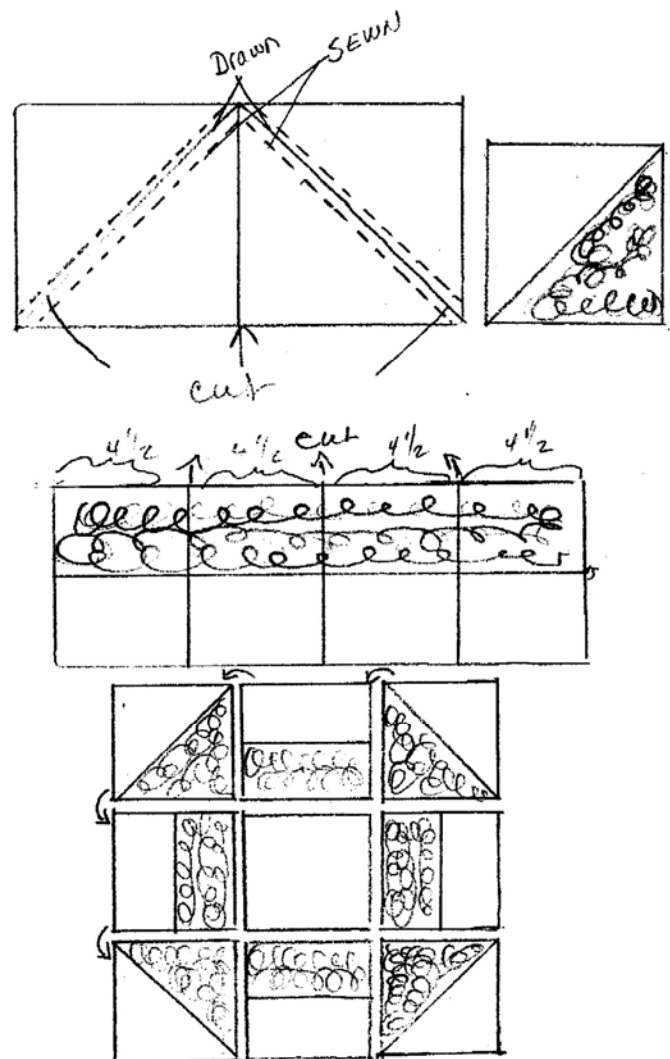
- Cut a 5" x 10" rectangle
- Cut a strip 2½" x 18"

Color 2: Cream, muslin, etc.

- Cut a 5" x 10" rectangle
- Cut a strip 2½" x 18"
- Cut 1 - 4½" square

Make half-square triangles

- Place light 5"x10" rectangles right sides together with dark 5"x10" rectangle.
- Draw a line at 5" to divide rectangle into 2.
- Draw a line from lower left corner to upper line and then to lower right corner. Sew line and then to lower right corner.
- Sew ¼" on each side of drawn diagonal lines. Cut on drawn lines to make 4 hst. Trim to 4½".
- Sew both 2½" x 18" strips together lengthwise. Press to dark.
- Sub cut into 4½" segments. These should make a 4½" square.
- Lay out according to diagram
- Will make a 12½" unfinished or 12" finished block.
This is a traditional block



Mystery Quilt: Part 3

Making the second part of the block:

1. Join each background 2" x 22" strip to one scrap strip (fig. 4.) Press seam allowances toward scrap fabrics.
2. Rotary cut 11 (2" wide) segments from each strip set to get a total of 264 segments.
3. Select 2 segments at random and join to make a four-patch (Fig. 5.) Make 128 four-patches.

Each four-patch should be 3½" square.

Fig. 4

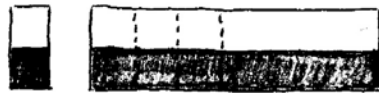
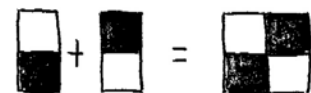


Fig. 5



**Questions about the
Mystery Quilt? Contact
Susan Catlett at
703-759-6932**

Mystery Quilt: Part 4

1. Joint triangle-square (made in part-2) to each four-patch (made in part 3), arranging parts as shown in Fig. 6. It's easy to get the four-patch turned around, so be careful. Press seam allowances toward the triangle-square. Join remaining triangle-squares to the four-patches in the same manner.
2. Join 2 of the sections made in step 1 (Fig. 7.)

Fig. 6

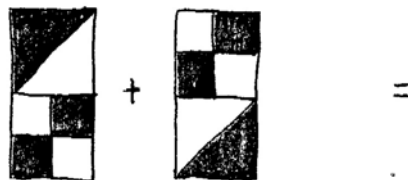
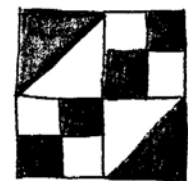


Fig. 7



Membership Report

We welcomed one new member to Centreville QU at our December meeting. She is **Cindy Moon-Barna**. Be sure to give her a big welcome at our next meeting. Sara Stone was our nametag-drawing winner. Wear your nametag to the next meeting and you will have a chance to win.

Dues are half price for new members in January through March.
Jacqueline Lehman

Sassy Bags

Do you need a sassy bag? I know I do! Do you remember those mesh bags that went like hotcakes at the auction? Brenda DeJarnette has made over a hundred of these bags...and she's decided to share her secret! We're getting together an order for the bag pattern and would like to know if you're interested in buying a pattern (about \$9.00).

If you're interested in a mesh bag pattern, email or phone Brenda.

If you're interested in getting to-

gether for a Bag Gab to make one—contact Brenda!

More to follow!

Brenda DeJarnette

703-830-3443



pbd45@aol.com

Community Service: Small Teddy Bear Instructions

1. Cut out the bear paper pattern on the outside edge of the solid black line. (See following page.)
2. Pin the bear pattern to 10" x 13" double layer of fabric, right sides of fabric together. **DO NOT CUT FABRIC YET!**
3. Sew around the paper pattern following the outline of the bear and stitching just outside the paper pattern. Leave an opening (3" to 3½") at the bottom of the bear for stuffing.
4. Trim the fabric around the bear shape—leaving a generous ¼" seam allowance.
5. Clip the fabric at the arrows
6. Turn the bear right side out. Push the seams out with your fingers so that the bear outline is smooth.
7. Stuff the bear evenly; slip-stitch the opening using matching thread.
8. Draw a face on the completed bear.
9. Make a heart bib using felt or broadcloth and attach ribbon ties. (See below.)

DOs and DON'Ts

Safety First!

- Make sure all stitching is tight and use special care to remove all pins
- Do not use buttons or stiff, hard objects for decoration that cannot be stitched down tightly or securely glued with fabric glue. Decorations that can be easily removed are choking hazards.
- Do not use glitter or puffy paint for the bear face—and if you have

Community Service News

At December's CQU meeting, gift certificates to the Artful Quilter were given out in a special drawing for those who have donated to community service. Many thanks to all who have contributed! At the June meeting we will hold another community service drawing.

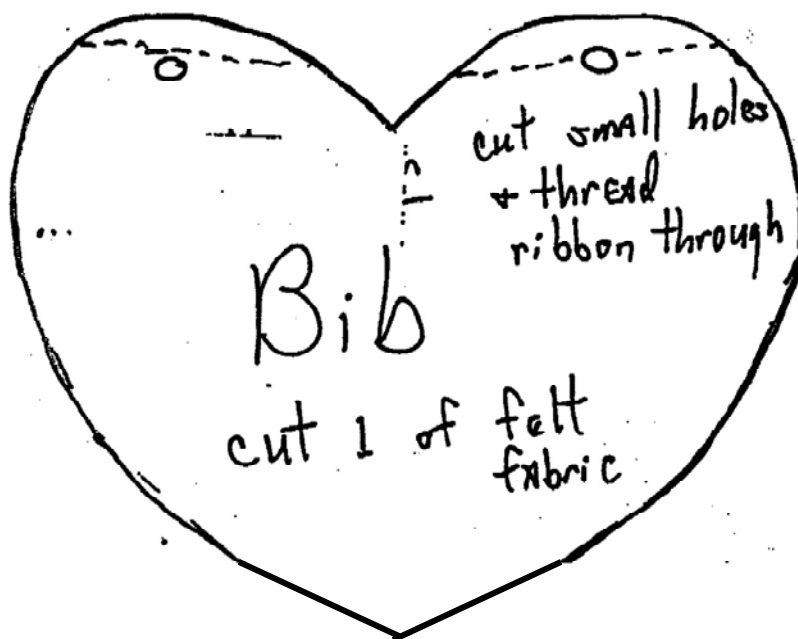
If anyone regularly visits a local nursing home and would like us to support it by making walker bags, please contact Adele Dillie.

Community Service quilt sizes for:

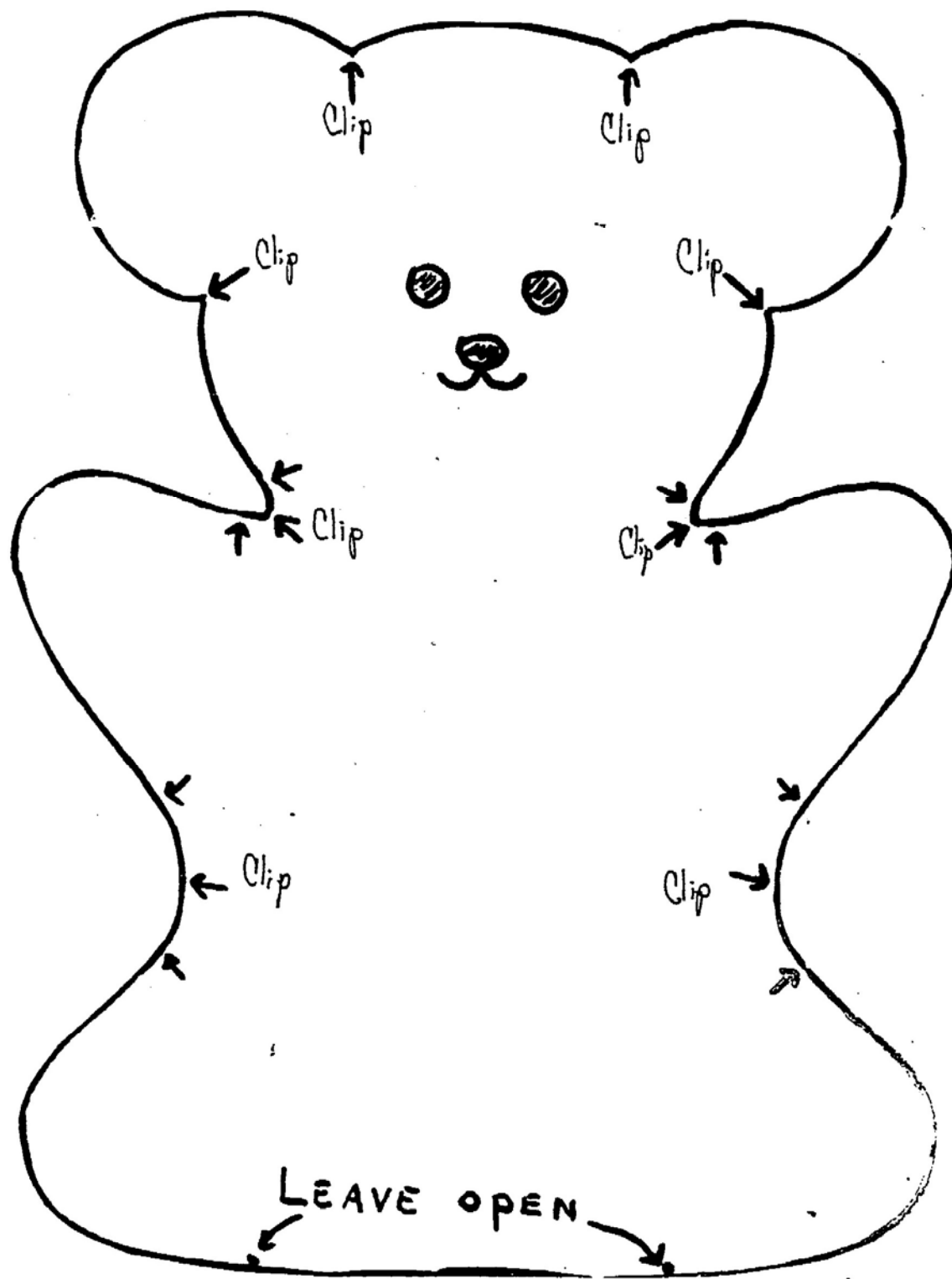
- **Crib Quilts:** Approximately 36" x 36" (newborn), up to 40"x44" (toddlers to 6 years)
- **Compassion Quilts for Veterans** – size: 45"x60". Please remember our men and women vets.

Stop by or contact Adele 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 (Included in this edition of Centrestitch.)



Community Service: Small Teddy Bear Pattern



Upcoming Events

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February						
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26	27	28				

March						
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April						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- **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; Betty Dietz - The Creative Woman**
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- **3/9/06 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting, 7:30pm Colin Powell Elementary School; CQU Bloomin' quilts collected for Library Display**

- **4/13/06 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting, 7:30pm Colin Powell Elementary School;**
- 4/20—4/22 "Pieces of Our Lives" 16th Biennial Guild Quilt Show Presented by the Faithful Circle Quilters. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, Route 108, east of US29 Columbia, MD. More Info: Peg McClelland 410/465-1825
- 4/22 - 4/23 Mason Dixon Quilt Show, Hagerstown Community College, ARCC on Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD.

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance (November 10, 2005):			\$7,261.96
Credits:			
Membership Dues 2005-2006		\$60.00	
Auction		\$6,807.85	
Spring Retreat		\$1,255.00	
Debits:			
Membership Dues			
Auction	\$224.39		
Programs			
Spring Retreat			
Fall Quilt-in		\$24.00	
TOTALS:	\$248.39	\$8,122.85	
Balance as of December 7, 2005:			\$15,136.42

Centreville QU Meeting Minutes—December 8, 2005

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President Bonnie Wilbur

Bonnie welcomed everyone at 7:32 pm.

Big QU News – Bonnie Wilbur

Several shops in the area have closed and have donated their stock to QU to be divided among the 12 chapters. CQU will use these items to make charity quilts and as prizes at CQU functions

Auction – Joan Unkel and Barbara Powers

Thanks and kudos to all who participated, especially to Joan and Barbara for their work.

The auction raised approximately \$6800.

Introductions of new people.

Social – Margot Twohey

Break for refreshments supplied by members A-L

Workshops – Patti Prevallet

Sign up for January and February workshops

Project samples exhibited

\$10 deposit or purchase of pattern required.

Retreat – Marianne Stanna and Mary Jane Meehan

Spring retreat full.

Waiting list in effect.

Quilt Show – Connie Gallant and Bonnie Wilbur

Each chapter to donate items for the silent auction by May 1

Items include: lap, bed, wall quilts, wearables, kit or bundle of fabric with a pattern

Beekeeper – Moko Wharton – no report

Community Service – Adele Dillie

Use donated fabrics for charity items

Please use smaller pattern and white with black and red heart to make bears for preemies

Volunteer needed for daytime delivery cancer recovery bags

Drawing – gift certificates for donors: Barb Hoge, Christine Elder, Mary Feurtado, Chris White

Library – Chris White

Library books and donation fabric go together well to make charity items

Block of the Month – Merlene Lewis and Kathy Nagle

Drawing: Bears Paw: Merlene Lewis; Snowman: Judi McDonald

T-Shirt orders – Merlene Lewis

Orders are in.

Membership – Jacqueline Lehman

Name tag drawing won by Sara Stone

Mystery Quilt – Susan Catlett

Instructions will be available at meetings and in the Newsletter.

Historian – Polly Monica – no report

QU Activity – Jill Clause

Reminder that CQU to provide food for Big QU Quilt-In in March

Show and Tell

Quilto – Jean Schachner

Respectfully submitted, Susan Haftel

The December Quilto prizes are from a generous donation from Memere's Garden. If you'd like to send a thank you, please send it to:

Dana Sonnenberg
100 Lake Dr.
Sterling, VA 20164-8606

Dana's donation will provide prizes for our group for a long time to come. Thank You!

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Workshops	Patti Prevallet	703-239-8646	quilt4fun@verizon.net



**Don't Forget Our
Meeting on Thursday,
January 12th!**

*Want to do
some volunteer
work? Make a
bear for kids in
crisis!
Pattern
INSIDE!*



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