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Quilters Unlimited Centreville Chapter

From our President

Dear Quilters,

This is the last letter from me, and we can all look forward to the upcoming ones from Jennifer Bear, our new president. This has been a fun job because there are so many cheerful, helpful, interested and involved members. Thank you all.

With the year drawing to a close, I've been spending more time than usual thinking about how much I have appreciated the friendship and support of many of our members. I'm not going to try to list people and reasons, because I would have to mention nearly everyone, and often just for encouraging remarks which have come at just the right time to make me feel good, or to remind me of an important detail, or to make a good suggestion which has enhanced a meeting or activity. But I have to mention someone I haven't applauded enough this year.

In a community as big as Northern Virginia, with as many volunteer organizations as we have, and members as spread out as we are, it can be hard to appreciate the depth of someone's involvement. This lady works two full-time jobs, one which used

to be as a hospital admin and is now 5+ days a week child care, and the other is a quilting business, teaching, quilting for other people, etc. Unlike many professional quilters, she has increased her involvement with the guild in the past few years, instead of begging off because she already spends so much time focused on quilting. She has put together an excellent lineup of classes for the quilt show and has spent multiple hundred hours over the last year taking care of all the details connected to that. She has been the vice president and program chair for the Haymarket chapter and the assistant quilt show rep for Haymarket's responsibility. She organized the yard sale which was Haymarket's primary fund raiser for the year. She has been the program chair for the Mid Atlantic longarm guild, and their programs are all day classes, several days in a row, requiring the chair to arrange the classes and also provide hospitality for the teacher. Connie Gallant has done a huge amount to advance quilting and support quilters in northern Virginia. Thank her for it the next time you see her.

Our June meeting will be a little different than previous years. We had enough in our budget to add a speaker this year, and we will be seeing the wonderful fractal quilts of Rose Rushbrooke. She has an excellent website (<http://www.rosrushbrooke.com>), and if you have a fast connection, you will also enjoy the links to the flash cartoons. This may be "outside the box" for many of us, but inspiring also, I think.

We have several quilting activities in June. Setup for the quilt show on Thursday June 1st, the show itself all weekend, and our chapter meeting, including food (if your last name begins with M through Z, please bring some), on Thursday June 8th. (Be sure to let Chris White know what books you want to borrow for the summer.) Then summer begins, with a turnover board meeting on June 20th and a community service workshop on June 25 (12-5, Chantilly library) and in August (check the workshops article for the date). Sounds like fun to me! Piecefully yours, Bonnie

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New Books in Our Library

Creating Your Perfect Quilting Space by Lois Hallock--Design the studio of your dreams with dozens of ideas for making your quilting space more efficient. Includes ideas for small, medium and large spaces as well as storage solutions.

Quilt in a Day: Underground Railroad Sampler by Eleanor Burns & Sue Bouchard--Patterns and instructions

are included for 15 blocks to make a sampler quilt including Crossroads, Carpenter's Wheel and Birds in the Air...

Return the books you have now at our June meeting and check out a new book or two. You'll be able to keep the books you borrow in June for the whole summer! That's better than if they're sitting at my house gathering

dust.

To reserve a book email Chris White cwhite743@aol.com

Visit our web site to see a listing of our books.

www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/cvillelibrary.pdf

"Shop Hop 'till you Drop"

The Shop Hop was a great success! The weather was excellent and the company outstanding. We were greeted at Kelly Ann's with a party bag full of goodies! One of goodies was a fortune cookie that had a slip of paper for yet more prizes! Then on to Madison to the Little Quilt Shop for more shopping and appetizers before lunch - cookies and soda! Next we

hopped on over to Front Royal - were we shopped, shopped and shopped some more. The final stop was back in Centreville at the Artful Quilter.

Jean Schachner

Quilting Bee Openings!

I have a bee, "The Missing Pieces", that is pretty short on members. We meet on Saturday afternoon, the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month (I realize that is not a good time for a lot of people but that is what works for us, although if we can't find people interested for the Saturday we may move it to a weeknight or late weekday afternoon).

Currently, due to the small size, we have been meeting at member's homes but if we were to grow I would probably try to find a place at the Centreville library, or something like that.

We have been doing only handwork since we are meeting in homes, but machines would be an option if we moved to a community location.

Most of us have all been novice quilters. So I am looking for people interested in making some new friends, who like good conversation and are interested in a long term commitment to a bee.

If you are interested, please contact Lisa Greisen at lgreisen@verizon.net.

Mystery Quilt

Bring your finished quilt tops to the June meeting and put your name in the basket for a drawing!

As I prepare for the next Mystery Quilt, I would like to hear from you about this years quilt.

Susan Catlett
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New to QU?

You might not know what a quilt challenge is and what accepting the challenge might do for you. The primary goal is to get quilters to apply their creativity to a similar set of criteria, and to see what results from many people starting from the same point and working in many different directions. There are no rules for what a quilt challenge must consist of, other than that the challenge should be approximately the same for all who accept it, so rules for each challenge are set by its sponsor. Additional goals often pertain to expanding the range of techniques which quilters are comfortable with, like starting with a piece of “ugly” fabric, or very bright or busy fabric, or requiring the use of a pattern or technique seldom seen in a chapter’s show and tell.

Classic challenge examples are:

everyone taking a piece of the same fabric and making something out of it, or everyone having to make a quilt top with at least one curve in it, or everyone having to make a log cabin quilt. The first one I ever participated in was in 1976, and each of us had to do a red, white and blue patriotic square for the bicentennial. (I still have those squares, unassembled.) These days, quilt challenges have become much more variable, and some quilt shows have even begun including challenge results as a special exhibit. In Hampton, VA in 2004, at the March 2005 Vienna retreat, and again this May in Traverse City, MI, I saw the wild results of quilted brassiere challenges, which included quilting, beading, feathers, sequins, and amazing imaginations. Linda Roberts (Vienna chapter) made hers into two

feathered chickens sitting on nests with eggs peeping out.

The Centreville chapter does our quilt challenges over each summer. One of my favorites was from Pat Dews, the year she put on Goofy ears, blasted “Who Let the Dogs Out” on a boom box, and told us all we were free to do anything we wanted to, as long as we used at least one puppy dog fabric. I certainly started that one with a smile. Last year, Barbara Powers started each of us off with a piece of “food fabric”, fabric with prints of cherries, lemons, asparagus, watermelon, etc. Sure made for a great show and tell in September. Can’t wait to see what she plans for this year!

Bonnie Wilbur

Fall Retreat! 4H Center, Front Royal, October 6, 7, and 8 2006

Here we go again! We just keep having so much fun at retreats that we keep planning them! The Fall CQU Retreat which will be held at the 4H Center in Front Royal currently has a full list of 33 people. We have started a waiting list.

Please contact Mary Jane Meehan mjmeehan1016@aol.com 703.359.4399 if you want to add your name to the list.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$135.00. The cost of the trip includes lodging, food, fees, taxes and prizes. Please be advised that the weekend must be paid in full by August 1st. Letters will be sent to all those attending regarding payment over the summer and other pertinent information - i.e. what to bring, directions, etc.

Please contact Marianne Stana mhstana@cox.net or Mary Jane Meehan mjmeehan1016@aol.com should you have any questions.

Membership Report

I will continue taking renewals and new memberships for the 2006-2007 QU year at the June Meeting. It is \$20.00 for a regular membership, \$30.00 for a family membership and \$10.00 for senior or associate. Look for me at the membership table.

You do not need to fill out a form if your information is the same. If anything changes during the year (e-

mail, address, phone, etc.) be sure to give me the new information so you will continue to get your newsletters.

Congratulations to Shelba Jones, our nametag drawing winner at the May meeting. Be sure to wear your nametag and put your name in the basket for a chance to win next time.

We welcomed one new member in May. Be sure to say hi to

Iris Salciewicz.

Jacqueline Lehman

June BOM: Weathervane

Please use batiks. Four fabrics required.

Fabric A: Medium Batik

Fabric B: Second Medium Batik

Fabric C: Lightest batik

Fabric D: Darkest batik

Cut

A: 1 - 4½ square

B: 4 - 4½ squares

C: 16 - 2½ squares

1 - 3" x 6" rectangle

D: 4 - 2½" x 4½" rectangles

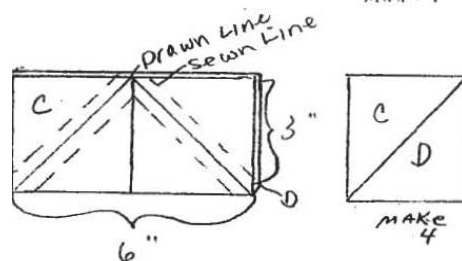
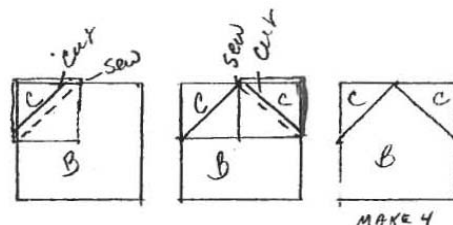
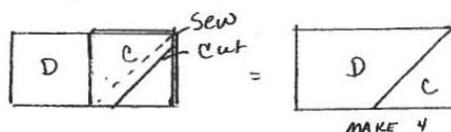
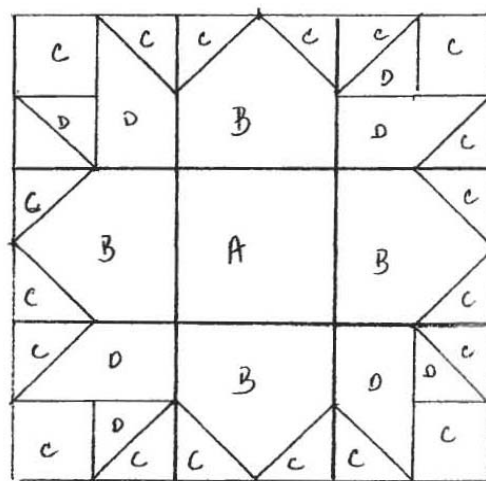
1 - 3" x 6" rectangle

Using magic corner method use 4 - 2½ x 4½ squares of C and 4 - 2½ x 4½ rectangles of D and sew a square to the same side on each of the rectangles as shown in diagram on right. Trim and open.

With B 4 - 4½" squares and 8 - 2½" squares of C make 4 "house" squares as shown in diagram on right.

Layering 3" x 6" rectangles of C & D mark a 3" line and 2 diagonal lines - sew ¼" on both sides of drawn lines. Cut on drawn lines to make 4 CD half-square triangle squares. Trim to 2½". See diagram on right.

Lay out block according to diagram above. Finished—12" or unfinished 12½"



This will be the last block for this meeting year. The block you receive this month is for September. You will receive a square of fabric that is to be used in the center. If you want to do more than one block, please see me for more squares. If you take extra squares, you will be expected to turn in extra blocks.

Just a reminder – anyone who has made a sampler using 9 different blocks from this year (or some from

last year) is eligible to place their names in the basket for the drawing for the \$25 gift certificates. Everyone who has completed the top will also receive a fat quarter (or two if we don't have a good response). Your sampler need not be quilted to be eligible.

Congratulations to Elaine Rilko who won the 9 Bloomin' Blossoms blocks at May's meeting.

If anyone has any suggestions for blocks they would like to see please let us know. Kathy will be doing Block of the Month with Margo Twohey next year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have made Block of the Month so successful this year. We couldn't do it without you!!!

Kathy Nagle and Merlene Lewis

Upcoming Events

June						
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July						
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August						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

September						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- ☐ June ☐
- ☐ **6/2 - 6/4 Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show, Dulles Expo Center. Don't forget to wear your t-shirt and your name tag. Walk-in volunteers encouraged!**
 - ☐ **6/16 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting, 7:30pm Colin Powell Elementary School;** Rose Rushbrooke - How to make a Fractal Quilt; Summer Social, those with names ending with M-Z, please bring food!
 - ☐ 6/20 CQU Changeover Board Meeting, Jennifer Betar's House. More info to come!
 - ☐ 6/23 Redwork Bee, 7:00pm Centreville Library

☐ July ☐

☐ August ☐

☐ September ☐

- ☐ **9/14 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting, 7:30 PM Colin Powell Elementary School.** Bring your summer challenge projects and Board Members bring snacks!

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

Fat Quarter Lotto Schedule

- June – White Elephant (the FQ you can't wait to get rid of!)
- Sep – Americana
- Oct – Home Spun Plaids
- Nov – Batiks
- Dec – Christmas



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Community Service

Community Service Update – May 2006

For those who love numbers, in May you donated 12 teddy bears, 7 baby quilts, 9 American Cancer Society (ACS) Reach for Recovery Bags, and 25 baby caps! Thanks to all.

Volunteers are needed for delivery of the ACS bags. The ACS office in Vienna is open during the day Monday through Friday. The Reach for Recovery bags are tote bags with matching pillows that are given to new patients.

The Scrappy Sew and Sews Bee members will be managing Community Service for CQU next year! Getting the ball rolling, they will host a Community Service Workshop on Sunday, June 25 at the Chantilly Library on 4000 Stringfellow Road from 12:00pm-5:00pm. Bring your machines and spend the afternoon talking, laughing, and of course -- sewing!

We will hold our Community Service Drawing at the upcoming June Social.

Adele Dillie

Treasurer's Report

for the period of
April 14, 2006 - May 10, 2006

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance			\$15,154.24
Credits:			
Membership Dues		\$10.00	
Membership Pins		\$12.00	
Magazine Subscriptions		\$70.00	
Retreat		\$220.00	
Bus Trip		\$490.00	
Debits:			
Programs	\$200.00		
Magazine Subscriptions	\$65.00		
Retreat	\$1,944.66		
Library	\$24.30		
Bus Trip	\$763.15		
TOTALS:	\$2,997.11	\$802.00	
Balance as of May 10,2006:			\$12,959.13

May CQU Meetings Notes

Centreville QU Meeting Minutes – May 2006

President Bonnie Wilbur - Bonnie welcomed everyone at 7:35 pm.

Please be sure to take **printed handouts** available on the sign-in table.

See Polly Monica if you paid her for the Carpenter Star workshop

Community Service Workshop to be held at Chantilly Regional Library from 12:00-5:00 on Sunday, June 25. Bring your sewing machine and general sewing supplies. Kits for Charity and Compassion quilts will be supplied.

Quilts for show are being collected tonight. Call Barbara Williams (703-378-5739) if you need to arrange a drop-off.

Messages from Treasurer:

Magazine prices have increased.

Check with Tammy Cross.

All board members should check their expenditures against their budgets.

Email Librarian Chris White before the June meeting if you want to check out a specific book for the summer.

Mystery quilt/ Block of the Month tops due at the June meeting.

People with last names beginning with M through Z are reminded to provide food for the June meeting.

Big QU News – Bonnie Wilbur Quilt Show (Connie Gallant and Bonnie Wilbur)

Message from the show coordinator:

Thanks for volunteering to help.

Volunteer still needed for sit down jobs in the class lobby: sign-up sheets passed around.

Class brochures and flyers available on sign-in table. Please take flyers to post in public places.

Treasurer – Tammy Cross (see above)

We need to find a volunteer who is willing to audit the books this summer.

Retreat – Marianne Stana and Mary Jane Meehan

Fall retreat (October 6, 7, 8) sign up in progress. \$50 will hold your place. Final cost to be between \$120 and \$152.

4-H venue has room for up to 35 guests. The closer to 35 participants we have, the lower the price will be.

Library Display – Deb Dratch and Jane Beaver

Display quilts returned.

Community Service – Adele Dillie

CS workshop noted in handout info above

Block of the Month – Merlene Lewis and Kathy Nagle

Bring your sampler tops to the June meeting.

Drawing won by Elaine Rilko

Membership – Jacqueline Lehman

Name tag drawing won by Shelba Jones

Dues being accepted. \$20 will continue your membership through June 2007.

Nominating committee – Susan Boyle

All offices have been filled. Slate accepted (moved by Sue Geschke and seconded by Jean Coglianese).

Fat quarter drawing – Delia Cogar and Line Kerr

Trash to treasure FQ's for June.

CQU bees round robin to be quilted as is.

Introduction of new members

Show and Tell

Program – Jean Schachner

Shop hop bus trip on May 6 was a success. Jean is such a great organizer, she should be VP again next year. But wait! She is!

Lecture: Barbara Zyguel "Quilting with novelty prints."

Respectfully submitted, Susan Haftel

More CQU Committees

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The New CQU Board

We would like to welcome our new CQU Board Members and express our appreciation to this year's Board Members who provided us with such a successful year of activities and experiences. We are looking forward to the new quilting year filled with friendship, caring, learning and fun.

Susan Boyle

Position	Member
President	Jennifer Betar
Vice President	Jean Schachner
Treasurer	Tammy Cross
Secretary	Susan Boyle
Nominating	Delia Cogar
Auction	Karen Hoss
Bee Keeper	Polly Monica
Block of the Month	Kathy Nagle
Community Service	Scrappy Sew 'n Sews Bee
Fund Raising	Tammy Cross
Historian	Jean Klimek
Librarian	Chris White
Library Display	Centrepiecers Bee
Membership	Michelle Hale
Mystery Quilt	Susan Catlett
Newsletter	Deb Cobb
QU Activity	Jill Claus
Quilt Show Rep	Bonnie Wilbur
Quilt Collector	Brenda DeJarnette
Retreats	Cotton Pickers Bee
School Issues	Marianne Stana
Social	Loose Threads Bee
Summer Challenge	Barbara Powers
Workshops	The Beez Bee

Don't Forget—this month's meeting (June 8th) is the summer social! Those of you with last names starting with M-Z - BRING A SNACK for the group!



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