



May 2005

**May 12th
The CQU Meeting**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Quilters,

I was so comforted to find this quote from Bill Watterson's Calvin and Hobbes: "Calvin: I was put on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I'm so far behind I will never die." When I had kids at home, I used to say that the April-May time frame was worse than the Nov-Dec craziness because the things to accomplish and the running around were at least as intense, without the same kind of everyone-striving-to-do-the-same-things kind of quality, so there was less sympathy and cheerful good will. Now with grown children, life has become a matter of balancing expectations and commitments on one side with time to rest on the other.

Volunteering for me has always been fun, and the best way of making friends in an area where people spend so much time in their cars, and so much time at multiple activities that the only way to spend time with most folks is volunteering with them. It has always been a mathematical exercise, as well. The number of tasks required for a swim team required a 70% parental commitment, which meant that I had to volunteer 3 years out of 4, until I had two children on the team, at which point I had to volunteer every year and do two jobs some years. The Girl Scout troop required 3 major volunteers (troop leaders and cookies) and about 3 minor ones (transportation, adult meetings, etc), which meant I had to participate only every other year. Volunteer organizations don't exist without volunteers – a truism too simple to need to be said, until there aren't enough volunteers.

Theoretically, Centreville QU needs you to take a board position – chapter or guild – once every five years. Given the fact that very few people accept that level of responsibility their first year and that many people join and drop out without ever taking one of those positions, once out of every three years is a more realistic number. Very few of the board positions are one-person jobs, unless you want them to be. Mostly they require groups of friends having fun together. Mostly, they need one person to take on the titular responsibility, and lots of people are willing to be on the committee. This also means that theoretically, Centreville QU needs YOU to get involved every year in one or more committees!

Please consider these open positions and call Susan Boyle to volunteer: 1) Vice President is the program chairman. She decides what would be fun, educational, new, books people to come and talk to us. I have resources to find speakers, as does Polly, but the sooner speakers are booked, the easier they are to find. This is a job which mostly needs to be done in June or July. 2) Auction is a busy few months Aug – Oct, then over after the November meeting, and you can relax the rest of the year, feeling virtuous! 3) Quilt Show Rep this year would be very much like program chairman, except you would be booking teachers for classes at the quilt show for 2006 and 2007, with a bigger budget. This also needs a group to take signups, run registration and support the teachers at the show. Of course, there will be volunteers to help from across all the chapters. 4) Our guild responsibility this coming year is organizing the food for the winter quilt-in, which is an easy one.

My favorite quote of all time came from a good friend: "How will I ever fit two lifetimes into one if I don't push myself?" Now when I get overworked, I try to remind myself that I'm lucky to be overblessed with things to do, because I'm not bored and I sure do get to experience a lot of life.

Piecefully yours,
Bonnie

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.

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T-Shirts

There are still a few left. Call Merlene Lewis at 703-830-2538 for a long sleeve T-shirt with the CQU logo.

Mystery Block

You have all received the last installment of this year's Mystery Quilt. While you are completing your project, think about the story. It will be interesting to see the many interpretations of the wall hanging. You will now have until June to complete at least the top to be entered into the drawing for G Street gift certificates. I will still have copies available at the May meeting in case you have missed any. Hope you have enjoyed the journey.

Redwork Bee

We meet every third Thursday at Colin Powell. Everyone is welcome whether you are doing redwork

or not.

Membership Report

I will start taking renewals and new memberships for the 2005-2006 QU year. Remember that dues have increased this year. 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.

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

Block of the Month

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Guess the handles scared some of you away from this month's block of the month. The next one will be very easy, Merlene has promised. There were 8 blocks turned in, however, I don't know who won as I was not there. We are planning on handing out a block at the June meeting for the September meeting. If you have any thoughts on this, please let us know. Thanks for participating.

Kathy and Merlene

June Quilt Show

Hi Ladies,

Just a reminder that the QU Quilt Show is fast approaching and we need your helping hand !!!!!!! There are many ways for you to help. On Wednesday, June 1st, volunteers will meet at the storage area to help load the equipment needed to set up the show. This task requires approximately 2 hours, the more hands, the less time it takes..... many volunteers are needed on the 2nd of June to help set up the actual show. The jobs on this day require large numbers. We need teams of pole assemblers, quilt hangers, people to go behind us to make sure everything is correct. Centreville QU is responsible for set up again this year along with Arlington QU. The Quilt Collectors will arrive at approximately 1 pm, so we have 5 hours to get the poles in place. Please volunteer to help, the more hands the lighter the workload. Volunteers are being offered 3 days admission to the show for the price of one day.....\$7.00. If you have an eighteen to 28 year old who would like to make a few extra \$\$\$, the guild will pay them \$10.00 per hour for all their help. Also, the vendors will pay them \$10.00 or more (per hr) for help as porters. A decent amount of money can be earned in a short time. On Sunday, June 5th, volunteers must report no later than 4:45 to help with take down. Again, the younger folks will be paid for this. During the quilt show volunteers will be needed to collect money at the door, white glove ladies, quilters to man the classrooms where our corporate sponsors will have machines set up for you to sew Breast Cancer quilts, Quilts of Valor for our servicemen and Project Linus Quilts. It will be a great place for our ladies to rest their feet and sew a square or two for a good cause. At the end of the show, the sewing machines will be for sale at a discounted price.

Contact me, Connie Gallant for questions. 703) 754-4314.

I hope to have a good turn out for Centreville. See you there.

Connie Gallant

Final Call for Fat Quarters!!!

If you want to make a donation of fat quarters (or similar size) to the baskets, please remember to bring them in to the May meeting and give them to Mary Jane Meehan. We have three themes - Holiday Fabrics, baby Fabrics, and Assorted Fabrics. Thank you!

QUILTERS' RESOURCE and OTHER NEWS

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

Community Service

My thanks to all of you who contributed quilts, Reach for Recovery Totebags, baby caps, and teddy bears at our April meeting. We are truly blessed to have so many generous and talented members. The recipients of each of these items

are very grateful for the time and devotion that you've put into each of these items. Adele Dillie will be assuming the job of Community Service for the next year, so please welcome her to this position. I know she will appreciate your continued support of our many projects. We will be working on the Colin Powell alphabet quilt at our next workshop so that we can have it finished and ready to be presented to the school by the end of the school year. Thanks to all of you who contributed materials and time to this project.



News from the Bee Keeper

Let me take this opportunity to introduce you to Moko Wharton, who will be taking over as Beekeeper in the fall. Thank you to all of you who have made my job pleasant over the last two years. I appreciate your input and have gotten to know many of you so much better since assuming this position. I know you will assist Moko in any way that you can, too.



New Titles

Star Quilt Salute by Better Homes & Gardens--This is a sampler of 11 star-studded quilts that can be made in throw or bed size.

Miss Rosie's Floral Quilts by Carrie L. Nelson--This includes 7 different pastel quilts that use a variety of floral designs.

Log Cabin Borders and Corners by Linda Causee--The borders are made Log Cabin style, but they are not meant for just Log Cabin quilts. The various patterns form many interesting patterns that can fit with almost any type of quilt. (foundation pieced)

Floral Quilts From Grandma's Cupboard by Michelle Blackhurst--These quilts combine applique and piecing. A variety of floral prints are used for the appliqued flowers as well as the blocks and borders that are in each quilt.

Visit our website for a complete listing of the books in our library:

<http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/cvillelibrary.pdf>

Books can be reserved by emailing Chris White at cwhite743@aol.com

I'll bring the books you've requested to the next Centreville QU meeting.

Chris White

Nominating Report

BEE Helpful!

Each month, I look forward to our Centreville QU meeting to see other happy members, to enjoy viewing quilts made by our QU friends and to learn new ideas from the presenters. This year has been great and I thank everyone who made it such a great year. Now, we're lining up people to make next year just as exciting. We still have a few positions to fill and we'd love to have your bee take over the responsibility. The bee to which I belong is going to be handling the retreats for next year. Once the decision was made to do this, our bee immediately became excited about the idea and started doing its research and coming up with all kinds of ideas to make the retreats just as much fun as the ones Jennifer Betar has planned. Knowing that we have our bee members helping us makes it comfortable for us to say yes, we'll take on the responsibility.

Would you please talk with your bee members and take on one of the remaining positions? Many hands make the work light, as they say. The jobs still waiting for selection are:

Vice President - plans for 6 meetings. Bonnie and Polly have a list of resources for you to call and set up dates for the presenters to come to our meetings.

Secretary - Bonnie provides a meeting agenda and all you do is write notes and provide them to the newsletter editor (Deb Cobb).

Auction - November meeting is dedicated to this and we all will help your bee. After November, Your QU job is done!

Quilt Show Rep - attends meetings and acts as a liaison between Big QU and Centreville QU.

QU activity - This is only a one-time activity during the entire quilting year. Bonnie will let us know what our responsibility is.

Historian - takes pictures at each meeting, develops the pictures and puts them in the album. You are reimbursed for the expenses. If you're not in a bee, this would be great for you and friend, too.

Since I work full time, I can't make 100 + calls to ask you personally to take one of the jobs. So, please, help me out by either calling me with your good news (703-620-4670 - home phone, leave a message) or emailing me at susanboyle@lycos.com.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May meeting!

Thank you,

Spring Retreat

Well, A good time was had by all! We got lots of sewing done and won lots of prizes. What could be better? Well -- maybe it's the next retreat which will be held in October at the Massanetta Springs Retreat Center in Harrisonburg, VA. Check your calendars for the weekend of October 14-16 and sign up at the May CQU meeting with a \$50 deposit to hold your spot. Space is limited to 21 so sign up early if you want to be sure to reserve a spot. The total cost will be \$180 for a double occupancy and \$230 for a single room. So start saving your pennies. The next retreat is right around the corner.

Jennifer

Centreville QU Meeting Minutes

Centreville Quilters Unlimited Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2005

President - Bonnie Wilbur Bonnie welcomed everyone at 7:30 pm.

Big QU News - Bonnie Wilbur Dues have been raised to \$20 effective immediately

- Annual meeting is on May 5 with a lecture and classes on May 6 & 7 with Charlotte Ware Anderson
- No presidential or treasurer nominee as of week ago. Please come so there will be a quorum
- Next year will be the biannual review of the QU bylaws.

Centreville Quilters Unlimited News – Bonnie Wilbur Sue Wilson's husband died, funeral is in Missouri today. Card was passed around for signing.

- Marie Brewer's house in South Riding had fire damage.
- Everyone was asked not to make presidents blocks. She asked that we use our time for the quilt show instead.

Treasurer Report – Patti Prevalet Financial report was in newsletter

- See Patti for magazine subscription information.

Workshops- Marianne Stana and Mary Jane Meehan A vest workshop is on 4/23 from 10am-5pm. At the Centreville library.

- Collecting fat quarters for quilt show. Holiday, baby, child and misc.

Retreat – Jennifer Betar April 15th retreat is full

- Fall retreat is in October. Cost is approximately \$200.
- Sign up begins in May.

Quilt show - Connie Gallant Volunteers are needed. Carolyn O'Flaherty has lists in the back. Sat and late Sunday needed. Also, volunteers to help vendors. Need people on Wed June 1st to clean out storage unit and load truck. June 2nd to set up show starting at 8:00 am. Pole setup and quilt hangers needed at 1:00. A large number of volunteers are needed. June 5th at 4:45 volunteers needed to take down. Show closes at 5:00 pm. The \$ 7 admission will admit you to the show all 3 days if you volunteer. If you have students (18 years old) able to help they will be paid \$10 per hour. (need SSN)

- Opening of the show will be at 9:50 on the 3rd. This will be a breast cancer awareness ceremony. There will be a ribbon cutting of the breast cancer blocks that are around the area. Any QU members who are breast cancer survivors please come.
- Event rooms will be used for sewing breast cancer quilts and project Linus quilts. The demo machines will be sold at a discount after the show.
- Raffle quilt was shown by Loretta Spittle. Tickets are \$1 each and are available tonight, at the May meeting and at the show.

Quilt Collector: Kim Eskelund Quilts will be collected the week after the May meeting.

Community Service- Jean Klimek Jean showed an example of a "Reach for recovery" bag, and announced she had received a \$100 donation from a recipient.

Block of the Month - Merelene Lewis Drawings for 8 blocks

- Pattern for new block available

Membership - Jacqueline Lehman No memberships this month.

- Name tag drawing went to Shelba Jones.

Beekeeper – Jean Klimek

Community service– Jean Klimek There are two openings in evening bees

- If you bring donations, please sign the master list, and also fill out slip for drawing

Nominating Committee – Susan Boyle Susan thanked all volunteers for this year

- Open positions are VP, secretary, auction & quilt show representative
- Deb Cobb is newsletter person

- See Susan to volunteer

Summer Challenge - Barbara Powers Barbara has a packet for everyone. If you are going to miss both May and June meetings contact her.

Introduction of New Members- Bonnie Wilber

Show and Tell at 8:00

Program - Polly Monica

Respectfully submitted, Sara Stone

CENTREVILLE 2003-2004 CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
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	Jun 2	Quilt Show Setup
May 6 & 7	Workshops with Charlotte Warr Anderson: May 6: Pieced Pictures, May 7: Appliqué for Realism in Brief	Jun 3-5	32 nd annual QU Quilt Show Dulles Expo Center
May 12	CQU meeting – CINDY SISLER SIMMS Traditional to Art Quilts Show	Jun 9	CQU meeting – end of year social
		Jun 24-26	Vermont Quilt Festival, New England's oldest and largest Quilt Event, Northfield, VT

Change of Address

Be sure to send your change of address or email address to Jacqueline Lehman at Dlehman5@cox.net or call her 703-266-8870

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