

SEPTEMBER 2005

Quilters Unlimited Centreville Chapter

From Our President

Dear Quilters,

A friend of mine has been quilting professionally part time, and may soon be doing it full time. I was spending time recently bemoaning how often I waste time and how much more quilting I could get done if I focused on it and worked harder, when my friend popped into my head. I started thinking that since she has established a work regimen for herself in her house, when she is there full time (i.e. retired from her current job), she will probably find it easier to be less diverted by bad television and good library books. Then I realized that perhaps diversions come so easily to me because I don't want quilting to feel like a work regimen.

From all of that, I moved to thoughts of how wonderful the diversity in our guild is, and how useful we each are to each other. Seeing how much my friend can accomplish helps me keep my aspirations high. Other people help by reminding me that quilting is supposed to be fun. More than that, get-

ting to know different quilters has helped me round out the process. Planning and piecing are not the only fun parts

Don't Forget our Meeting—September 8th!

for me these days. I find pleasure in straight-line stitching (which I used to find boring) by filling time when I'm otherwise brain-dead, creativity in the quilting process where I used to regard it as drudgery, warmth and love as I cover myself with a quilt while binding it, and pride in the finished product when I used to just worry about how long it was taking me to complete.

I would like to make the coming year one in which we give all credit due to each other. When you show a quilt at show and tell, please tell us the name of the pattern, and a designer if you know of one. Please let us know who quilted your quilt if it wasn't yourself. Give us

the names of others who worked on the blocks in your quilt, if there were others. The entire process is a creative whole and everyone involved deserves credit. The quilting world has begun to recognize this with its new emphasis on group quilt categories in the shows, and I think it is a good habit for all of us to get into.

I'm looking forward to another year of sharing personal passions, passing on good quilting tips, getting to know people with common and diverse interests from across the region and especially in our own area. We have some excellent activities planned to accomplish this.

Bring your contributions to our annual auction to the September meeting to be turned in to Joan Unkel and Barbara Powers. Volunteer for a work position at the same time. Start telling your friends and neighbors about what a wonderful evening it is and what great quilts will be available for sale.

Jean Schachner is planning a good year of programs for us, starting with (continued p. 2)

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Block of the Month

The Friendship Star blocks are due at the meeting in September. This is a simple block and for each one you turn in, you get a chance to win them all.

Merlene will have the next BOM sample and pattern at the meeting. Be sure to pick up a pattern.

Also a reminder to those of you who made the blocks last year, if you have your sampler, either done or as a top, we would love to see them. Merlene and I will have ours and we don't want to be standing up there alone. See you soon!

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President (cont.)

the October meeting.

Patti Prevalet has some great workshop teachers lined up and is looking into a variety of locations to try to expand the number of people we can accommodate. The first workshop was August 20th, which I forgot because I hadn't transferred the dates from this newsletter to my calendar. Don't make my mistake!

Kathy Nagle and Merlene Lewis have sample blocks of the month all ready to go. This newsletter will probably have the directions for September's block, or else Kathy can email them to you. Quilt tops from the workshop and block of the month, plus the summer challenge Barbara Powers presented to us in June will all be on display at show and tell. Susan Catlett will have a new mystery quilt ready to start. Deb Dratch says our library display will be next April. Quilts will have to be ready to photograph before the applications have to be submitted in February for our annual show.

T-Shirts

Centreville T-shirts will be ordered again this fall by Merlene Lewis. Instead of guessing this time on quantities and sizes, Merlene is going to take preorders, so come to the meeting prepared to tell her how many you want. She will be ordering the blue, short sleeved shirts, and they will be sold at cost, so the cost may vary depending on how many are ordered. Merlene still has some of the black long sleeved shirts, and they are also for sale, of course. If you can't make it to the September meeting, be sure to call Merlene to place your order!

Lots of quilting challenges and fun ahead. I have one more for you: try to sit next to one person you don't know and make friends each meeting. Our support for each other is what makes our quilting so successful.

Piecefully yours,

Bonnie
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New Members!!

Welcome to our new members:

- Diann Brown
- Karen Cobb
- Diane Dresdner
- Deborah Howard
- Ursula Kroener
- Evelyn Leverette
- Danita Lynch
- Dawn Mosteller
- Connie Payne
- Heather Pearl
- Jeanne Penner
- Pamela Zaelke

Membership Report

As of the end of August, we have only 66% of the membership we had last year. This includes renewals and new members. If you have not renewed please be prepared to pay your 2004-2005 dues at our September or October meetings. According to CQU By-Laws, you will be dropped from the membership roster if dues are not paid by November 1st.

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.

Wear your nametag to our next meeting and you can enter the drawing to win a prize.

Jacqueline Lehman
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**Need a copy of the Summer Edition
of Centrestitch? Contact Deb
Cobb!
deb@cobbsoft.com**

Auction

Mark your calendar now for CQU's auction on November the 10th! There are only two months left before our evening of fun.

Barbara Powers and/or Joan Unkel will be at the September and October meetings ready to accept contributions. Perhaps you have an item you could contribute that you made in a workshop or a set of blocks just waiting for someone to make them into a top. You may be ready to do a fall evaluation of your quilting books or pattern collections. You might wish to pass on the extras to our auction. Completed items are always welcome. And that fabric that might be more appropriate in someone else's stash will have an opportunity to find a new home. These are just some suggestions to get you thinking of what your contributions might be! All will be deeply appreciated.

New this year will be a bake sale. So signup at our September or October meeting to bring your favorite culinary goody for our sale. A great way to buy something special for the coming holidays or to munch right there at the auction.

Please note that the last date that items will be picked up at Colin Powell Elementary School will be November 3rd. That will give the committee time to package all of our great items. Thank you so much for your participation. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Powers or Joan Unkel.

Barbara Powers and Joan Unkel
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Retreat Information

FALL RETREAT Massanetta Springs October 14-16, 2005

The fall retreat final payment of \$130.00 is due at the **SEPTEMBER** meeting. Please make your check payable to **CQU** and give it to me (Marianne Stana) or Susan Boyle.

If you are not coming to the meeting, please mail it to Marianne Stana, 12401 Stewarts Ford Court, Fairfax, VA 22033. We will be collecting roommate requests at that time. Written retreat details will be available at the September & October meetings.

SPRING RETREAT Hunting Ridge Retreat Ctr. April 28-30

Sign-ups for the spring retreat will take place at the November meeting. The spring retreat will be held at Hunting Ridge Retreat Center in Winchester, VA. There will be room for 24 participants.

Marianne Stana
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6th Annual Central Virginia Tour de Quilt

The guild received a flyer in the mail for this event. We thought there might be a group of ladies interested in making a road trip.

Mark your calendar for October 13-16. It's time for the **Tour de Quilt 2005**. All Tour de Quilt Shops have extended hours to give you plenty of shopping time. Don't forget to have your passport stamped, you must personally visit each shop to qualify for the Grand Prizes. Each shop will have a portion of the Mystery Quilt—the Virginia Sampler. Be sure to pick up the free pattern and pick out a coordinating fabric bundle at each shop. And don't forget to register for prizes..

Participating Stores:

- Summit Sewing Center,
www.summitsewingcenter.com,
540-548-2377
- Quilter's Heaven, 540-898-7302
- The Quilt Man, 804-798-6077
- Quilter's Corner, 804-794-1990
- Quilted Expressions,
www.quiltedexpressions.com, 434-385-6765
- Cottonwood,
www.cottonwoodquiltshop.com,
434-244-9975
- That Little Quilt Shop, 540-948-4147
- Patchwork Plus,
www.patchworkplus-quilting.com,
540-879-2505
- Rachel's Quilt Patch,
rachelquiltpatch.com,
540-886-7728

If you're interested in seeing the flyer, see Deb Cobb at the September meeting.

Community Service News

Our community service donations of beautiful quilts, teddy bears, and quilted bags are given to newborns and toddlers in intensive care units, recovering patients going through chemo therapy, and military personnel at NIH and Bethesda Naval Hospitals. Last season, the Scrappy Sew 'N Sews Bee donated 17 compassion quilts to the returning servicemen at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Hats off to the Scrappy Sew 'N Sews Bee!! The compassion quilt size should be 45" x 60" and can be made in red, white, and navy fabrics. Keep in mind that some of the quilts will go to female members of the armed services!

This year we will also continue supporting the American Cancer Society Reach for Recovery Program with quilted bags and pillows that recovering patients can use during chemo therapy. The ACS has been most grateful for the beautiful quilted bags. See Adele for quilt bag/pillow pat-

terns. We will be making baby quilts, little cloth bears, and knitted caps for babies for the Fairfax Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care and Pediatric Intensive Care Units and Fair Oaks Hospital. We will be needing a volunteer to deliver the donated items each month to Fairfax Hospital on behalf of our chapter. If you can help, please contact Adele.

ABC Quilts recommends the following:

- Quilt Size :Crib Quilts: 36" x 36 (newborn), 40"x44 (toddlers to 6 years)
- Fabric: 100% cotton or at least 50/50 cotton/polyester.
- Design: Juvenile prints, panels, patchwork, appliqué, or any creative pattern
- Filling: Bonded polyester batting (light or medium weight), or "Warm & Natural" bonded cotton

Before turning in your baby quilt, ABC quilts asks that you:

- Make sure all pins are out and quilt is baby safe
- Topstitch around outside of quilt, 1"-2" from edge.
- Quilt or tie every 4" with a double knot. Please don't use yarn; it comes untied.
- Sign your quilt:
ABC Quilts
Love & Comfort to You
Your First Name, State, Year

Please remember when you bring any of these items to one of our meetings, to sign the "donations" master sheet with your name and what you have donated that evening and fill out a slip for drawings to be held at December and June socials.

Adele Dillie
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QU Quilt Show

Hello Everyone !

I'm excited about the upcoming year. Bonnie Wilbur and I are chairing the QU Quilt show Class Programs for the 2006 Show. We have some exciting teachers and classes slated for the show . We will need your support in many ways. Teachers helpers and registrars are several of our needs. We can actually sit down this year instead of testing muscles we forgot that we had !

Bonnie and I will keep you advised of our progress. Right now we are getting verbal agreements and sending out contracts to the teachers!

We promise you a terrific list of classes and teachers.

See you in September ! (Isn't that and oldie but a goodie?)

Connie Gallant
mcgallant@msn.com

Library Display

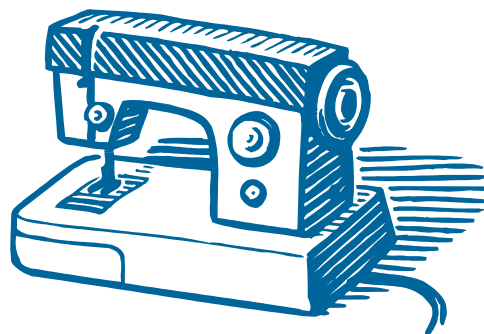
Our Chapter will have a quilt display at the Centreville Library for the Month of April 2006. More details to come!

Deb Dratch
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Bee Keeper

Thank you "All Sewed Up" and "Stitch Witches" for responding with your membership list. I still need to hear from other Bees. Want to join a Bee? Want to start a new Bee?

Contact me at jbmtw@yahoo.com
Motoko Wharton



Centreville Chapter Programs

All of the following programs take place during our regular chapter meetings (2nd Thursdays of the month) at Colin Powell Elementary School, 7:30 pm.

10/13/05 Barbara Powers

11/10/05 Centreville QU Auction

Bring one, bring all to our most important chapter fund-raiser.

12/ 8/05 Quilto/Winter Social

Join us for a fast fun game of Quilto – prizes galore! Quilto is based on BINGO utilizing Quilting terms. Guaranteed fun for all ages!

1/ 12/06 Too Quirky Quilters

The “**Too Quirky Quilters**” have been described as a stand-up comedy act for quilters , with song parodies about quilting. Their songs are woven into the story of their quilting journey with all time favorite “Quilting’ in the Frame” and “I’m just a Girl who Can’t Say No” --- to fat quarters!

3/9/06 Eileen Doughty

“Evolution of a Landscape Artist or: The Good, The Bad, and the Arty”

A discussion of inspirations, techniques and materials while displaying successful and even a few not-so-successful original works (since we learn from our mistakes too) Eileen’s quilts have been exhibited across the US and overseas, with some in many corporate, public and private collations. Examples can be seen on her web site www.doughtydesigns.com

4/13/06 Mary Kerr

“What is your Grandma’s Garden Worth?”

Discuss the market values of various quilts and tops – Why we need to have our collections documented and appraised.

5/11/06 Barbara Zygiel

Quilting with Novelty Prints

Pictorial prints, stripes, and plaids are fun to buy, but can be a challenge to use in your quilts. See many samples, and learn lots of tips for using these amusing fabrics in your quilts.

6/8/06 Rose Rushbrooke -

Fractal Art Quilts - Mathematical Art.

Jean Schachner

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“Big” QU Programs

The presenter of the lectures and workshops offered by “Big” QU is Laura Cater-Woods. Laura is a working studio artist using mixed media and fiber art. She holds a M.F.A. in Painting from Ohio University. Laura teaches nationally for conferences, guilds, shops and private groups. She was nominated in 2004 for Professional Quilter's Teacher of the Year. To learn more about Ms. Cater-Woods visit: www.cater-woods.com

9/29/05 10:00 am

“Fabrications: A True Story”

Goodwin House, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church

Free, limited space, QU members only.

Betty Beal (A)

esbeal70@earthlink.net

(703-698-7475)

9/29/05 7:00 pm

“Just The Details”

Goodwin House, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church

Free, limited space, QU members only.

Betty Beal (A)

esbeal70@earthlink.net

(703-698-7475)

9/30/05 12:30pm – 6:30pm

“Collage Landscapes”

The Artful Quilter, 13860-F Braddock Rd., Centreville, VA

\$40 Fee, workshop limited to 20.

Lynn Brekke (R)

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(703) 476-1316

10/1/05

“Tempting the Muse”

The Artful Quilter, 13860-F Braddock Rd, Centreville, VA

\$40 Fee, workshop limited to 20.

Lynn Brekke (R)

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Upcoming Events

- **9/8/05 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting**, 7:30pm, *Colin Powell Elementary School*. Bring items to contribute to the auction.
- **9/11/05 Sully Quilt Show & Sale**, 10am-4:30pm, *Sully Historic Site*, www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks/sully/
- **9/29/05 Big QU Lecture**, Laura Cater-Woods, 10:00 am, "Fabrications: A True Story"; *Goodwin House*
- **9/29/05 Big QU Lecture**, Laura Cater-Woods, 7:00 pm, "Just The Details", *Goodwin House*
- **9/30/05 Big QU Class**, "Collage Landscapes", 12:30pm – 6:30pm, *The Artful Quilter*
- **10/01/05 Big QU Class**, "Tempting the Muse", *The Artful Quilter*,
- **10/13/05 Centreville QU Chapter Meeting**, 7:30pm *Colin Powell Elementary School*; Barbara Powers speaking; bring items to contribute to the auction
- **10/13—10/16 6th Annual Central Virginia Tour de Quilt**
- **11/3/05** Last pickup for auction items at Colin Powell Elementary School
- **11/10/05 Centreville QU AUCTION - open to the public -7:00 pm** *Colin Powell Elementary School*
- **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"

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

Many speakers book several years in advance, so let us know if there's a speaker we should try and recruit.

Are there any workshops you think might be fun for the group? Would you like to *volunteer* to teach a workshop?

Contact Jean Schachner!
jeanschachner@hotmail.com

Chapter Library

Lots of new books have been added to our library this summer.

Books from the library can be reserved by emailing Chris White at cwhite743@aol.com. If you want to see a listing of our books, the library web site is:

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

Tennessee Waltz by Sue Bouchard - A new book from the "Quilt in a Day" series that includes straightforward piecing with traditional techniques that gives you the look of curves without the curves piecing.

More Fat Quarter Quilts by M'Liss Rae Hawley - Choose from 8 wall-hanging to bed sized projects featuring traditional patterns, with 2 projects designed especially for beginners.

Pieced To Fit by Sheila Sinclair Snyder - No need to worry about how to

From "Big" QU

The big QU fall seminars are fast approaching. If you haven't taken advantage of these in the past, give it some thought.

QU brings in people of national and international fame for these seminars, and underwrites much of the cost of the classes they offer.

Signups will be accepted starting September 6 for workshops at The Artful Quilter on Friday, Sep 30 and Saturday, Oct 1, with Laura Cater-Woods.

Two free lectures are also being offered, one at 10 am on Thursday,

frame and finish these quilts. You can stitch borders and sashings as you make each block.

Knockout Blocks and Sampler Quilts by Judy Martin - This book of patterns combines basic squares, rectangles and the simplest kind of triangles to make 98 never before published quilt blocks along with patterns for 9 sampler quilts along with yardage and quilt planning charts for designing your own quilt.

Fat Quarter Frenzy by Susan Purney-Mark & Daphney Greig - 16 quilt patterns to transform your fabric bundles into pieced and appliqued designs.

String Quilts With Style by Bobbie Aug & Sharon Newman - The authors show how to create exciting and graphic quilts using "strings", narrow strips of fabric sewn to a foundation. Includes 12 string quilts patterns with step by step instructions.

Stack the Deck! by Karla Alexander -

Sep 29, and one at 7 pm, both at Goodwin House in Alexandria.

QU sponsors people whom local quilt shops can rarely afford at much lower prices than their classes generally cost when offered at large shows. Take advantage of this big benefit to your membership!

The fall quilt-in will be held Tuesday, October 11, at Falls Church High School from 3:30 to 9:00 pm.

Come at any time and stay as long as you like. The theme for the quilt-in is "Queen for a Day" and everyone is being encouraged to wear a crown,

Learn to make crazy quilts in 4 easy steps that simplify their construction.

Clever Quarters, Quilts From Fat-Quarter Cuts by Susan Teegarden Dissmore - Fourteen step by step projects are easy enough for quilters of any skill level. No extra yardage is needed; these quilt tops are 100% fat-quarter friendly.

Scraps Organized to Perfection by DeLoa Jones - Develop a perfect system for sorting, folding, and storing your fabrics to improve your scrap quilts. Choose from 12 quilt projects, many with yardages for several different sizes.

P.S. Return the books that you've had all summer and check out a new one at the September meeting!

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whether a tiara, a paper crown, a quilted crown made by you, or anything else fun which fits the occasion. There are multiple crown contests with prizes to be won.

This fall, there are also four different quilt blocks; check your big QU newsletter for the patterns. (For new members, these are the same as the block of the month in the chapter - anyone who makes one or more gets their name put into a drawing for the group of blocks. You can make as many or as few of one, two, three, or (Continued p. 8)

"Big" QU (continued)

(all four patterns as you would like and have your name entered for each group to which you submit a block.)

Members are encouraged to bring food in a disposable container and plan to dine off the potluck tables. Members are also encouraged to bring door prizes. The Centreville chapter will be contributing four prizes to what is usually a gala giveaway.

Our Centreville members often sit together, as do other chapters, but this is a great time to make new friends, to ask other chapters what they most enjoy about their meetings and bring back good ideas, and to ask questions about interesting projects you see underway.

No sewing machines; bring hand work. Also bring show and tell items,

because there will be opportunities to show and tell every hour.

In fact, let's aim for a show of the Centreville summer challenge items around 6:30 or so, and knock their socks off!

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Sully Quilt Show - September 11, 2005

The Sully Quilt Show will be held on September 11th, at Sully Plantation, on Rt. 28 between Rt. 50 and the Exit for the Air and Space Annex.

Quilt shops from around the area, plus quilters from as far away as Missouri come to sell quilt tools, fabric, sewing-related items and finished quilts of all sizes.

If you would like a free admission, please call Diane Kirkhart, this year's McLean chapter president, at 703-749-4645 to volunteer for a couple of hours sitting under the tent quilting and encouraging interested people to join Quilters Unlimited.

It is a fun, lazy afternoon, much like a bee meeting, talking to friends from QU and lots of people new to the area looking for a quilt guild, plus lots of time before or after to shop. See you there!

Some QU quilters will be providing free demonstrations in the demonstration tent:

10:30 "Body Smart Quilting" with Paula Golden

11:30 "The top 10 reasons to Hand Quilt" with Kay Burnett

1:00 "English Paper Piecing" with Dorothy Stringer

2:00 "Template Free Applique My Way" with Diane Kirkhart

3:00 "Foil on Fabric" with Mary Pace

*Quilting with a friend
will keep you in stitches.*

