



Quilters Unlimited Newsletter

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President's Message

Fellow Quilters,

In light of the recently enacted five-dollar increase in annual dues, I take this opportunity to discuss one of my least favorite aspects of quilting: finances.

QU is designated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with the specific reason for our non-profit status being "education." To retain our tax-exempt status, we must keep extensive records, file detailed reports and tax returns with the IRS, and have at least four educational events a year. These include: Sully, the fall and spring workshops, and the annual quilt show.

To support these activities and retain our 501(c)(3) status requires funds generated by dues of the membership. The simple fact is that costs have increased since the last time the dues were raised in 1988, and we are now dependent on these activities to "make money" in order to remain solvent.

Accordingly, a motion to raise the dues was made, seconded, and voted on in compliance with the QU Bylaws at the last QU Board meeting. Elsewhere in this newsletter, Ginny Hall, the QU Treasurer, has more specific information about this action.

Being non-profit does not mean that we cannot make a profit on our activities; it means that the profits must be used toward our purpose: education. It is fiscally responsible to maintain the ability to write checks for our activities without having to depend on each always being a financial success.

Our status as a non-profit organization does not require us to do any charitable projects; however, we have always made donations to quilt-related activities and quilt education. And will continue to do so. Increase dues revenues will enable us to continue supporting such worthwhile activities as the Quilt Camp sponsored by the DAR, the Virginia Quilt Museum, donations to local libraries, the Quilter's Hall of Fame, and the American Quilt Study Group. The dues increase will also mean more working capital for QU member chapters, whose individual fundraising activities are limited by our 501(c)(3) status.

Working with the QU Board for the past two years has been a learning experience for me. As in any large organization, the involvement of individual members makes the organization a success. I hope that each of you will make time to be more involved with QU - and perhaps even attend a board meeting to see how a relatively small group works to provide meaningful programs and activities for the benefit of the entire membership.

Baird Bell

Quilters Unlimited Financial Report

	FY 2005 Actual
Beginning Cash on Hand - 1 July	47,533.48
Income:	58,814.02
Expenses:	27,799.59
Net Gain/Loss for Year	31,014.43
Ending Cash on Hand - 24 Jan *	78,547.91

* Liabilities include \$20,000 payable to Dulles Expo Center on 1 April and 1 May
Membership as of 1 Jan 2005 was 1,398

Following is my justification for supporting the dues increase:

- The Articles of Incorporation of Quilters Unlimited as filed with the Commonwealth of Virginia provide that "Other qualifications rights of the members, including the amount payable as dues, shall be set forth in the corporation by-laws".
- QU by-laws were followed in the vote conducted at our last QU Board meeting.
- QU dues have not been raised since 1988.
- Operating cost continue to increase.
- The dues increase will more evenly spread our operating cost to all QU members instead of just the active members and/or any one QU event.
- The dues increase will allow chapters to cease fund raising activities that require additional paperwork concerning Sales Taxes and also with the state Gaming Commission. It will allow chapters to simplify their operations.

I also wish to provide the following information to correct information that was given at our last board meeting by one of the attendees.

- The Quilt Show classes lost money in both 2003 and 2004.
- The Quilt Show as a whole made money in both 2003 and 2004.
- The dues increase is needed to support QU as a whole and not the Quilt Show.

Our amount of cash available in checking etc., needs to be high to ensure that we are always able to pay needed bills. Our operation is very cyclical. Some bills are paid long before income is generated. We have no ability to borrow monies unless the loan was co-signed by officers (i.e. officers would be liable for paying loan).

I will gladly share supporting documentation with anyone that has any questions.

Ginny Hall, Treasurer

Annual Meeting and Spring Workshops

**Goodwin House Baileys Crossroads - Falls Church, VA
Charlotte Warr Andersen – Applique/Pieced Pictorial Landscapes**

A resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, her specialty has been one-of-a-kind, original pictorial quilts made with either/both appliqué and piecing techniques. The pictorial appliqué technique is a unique one featuring forms that are independently layered and created. These created forms are then attached to the background. The pictorial piecing technique makes use of set-in corners which eliminates many unnecessary seams and makes for a smoother and more flexible piecing process. Charlotte enjoys creating realistic and representational images from the unlikely medium of fabric. Charlotte's website is located at: www.charlottewarrandersen.com

Lecture/Annual Meeting – Thursday, May 5, 2005 Location: Goodwin House

7:00 p.m. Charlotte's Scrapbag - This lecture is a series of humorous ramblings about the relations between fabric collecting, quiltmaking, dealing with non-quilters and family, and everyday living. (See below for directions)

Charlotte Warr Andersen Workshops – Workshops Location: The Artful Quilter, Centreville, VA

Friday, May 6, 2005, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Pieced Pictures Workshop

Cost: \$40.00 (Class Limited to 20 Students)

CLASS DESCRIPTION: Translate pictures, line drawings, photographs, into piecwork—a technique that gives a slightly more abstract look to the subject. Make patchwork of animals landscapes, buildings, anything you choose. You may opt to get intricate enough that you friends will think you have appliqued instead of pieced. This is a different approach to pieced pictures than you may have learned elsewhere and is applicable to pictures ranging from block size to a full size quilt.

Saturday May 7, 2004, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m. – Applique for Realism in Brief

Cost: \$40.00 (Class Limited to 20 Students)

CLASS DESCRIPTION: A demonstration using photos to make patterns for realistic applique figures and class project featuring reverse layering. Elaborates on the techniques explained in Charlotte's book, *Faces & Places - Images in Appliqué*, and its sequel, *Focus on Features - Life-like Portrayals in Appliqué*. An intricate study in applique and reverse.

Supply Lists for both workshops are on the QU website (www.quiltersunlimited.org) You will receive a supply list on receipt of registration. Directions for Goodwin House (lecture site) and The Artful Quilter (workshop site) are detailed following the registration form for the workshops. For further information about these programs, contact Kay Burnett at mekayquilter@aol.com.

Registration start date is Tuesday, April 5, 2005. Make checks payable to Quilters Unlimited and mail registration form and checks to: Susan (V), 5320 Hampton Forest Way, Fairfax, VA 22030-7201; (703) 222-1311; shsmith01@yahoo.com

Cancellation Policy: No refunds after April 26, 2004, unless a substitute for the opening is secured by the registrant or from the workshop wait list if there be one.

Charlotte Warr Andersen Workshop Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

If registering for both classes, indicate first choice:

Friday, May 6, 2005 – **Pieced Pictures** \$40 _____

Saturday May 7, 2005 – **Applique for Realism in Brief** \$40 _____

**Directions for Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads ,
3440 South Jefferson Street, Falls Church, VA 22041
tel: (703) 820-1488 WEB: www.goodwinhouse.org**

From 495 (Beltway) points East: From 495 take 395 North to 7 West exit. Proceed approximately 2 miles on Route 7 to South Jefferson Street, and turn right. Proceed one block on South Jefferson Street, then turn left at Goodwin House West.

From 495 Beltway) points West: take Arlington Blvd. – Rt 50 East and exit at 7 Corners, Rt. 7 East exit. After 2.83 miles, turn left on South Jefferson Street (across from Skyline development). Make a left onto S. Jefferson Street and behind the Giant supermarket is the parking lot and entrance to Goodwin House Baileys Crossroads.

From Columbia Pike turn right onto South Jefferson Street. Goodwin House is on the right side.

Annual meeting and Lecture will be the **AUDITORIUM** on the LOWER LEVEL (Ground). Take elevator from main lobby down 1 floor and follow signs to Auditorium.

PARKING—Parking is available behind the Giant Foods Shopping Center on S. Jefferson Street, right next to Goodwin House. The area BEHIND the Giant is closest to the Goodwin House entrance. There are 2 visitor lots on the Goodwin House Grounds. All other parking is STRICTLY FOR RESIDENTS, so be sure to use only the visitors lots or park in the Giant lot.

DIRECTIONS for Giant parking lot:

Turn left into shopping center at entrance CLOSEST to store, turn RIGHT immediately before driving past the store entrance and proceed around to the back, locating the gate in the chain-link fence on your right. This gate will be unlocked for our event. The parking area is well-lit at night.

DIRECTIONS to Visitors lots:

LOT 1: enter grounds from main entrance, turn left and then immediately left again. essentially a U-turn, into visitors lot. Lot has about 35 spaces, if full (it fills up fast with early arrivals and by residents' visitors) proceed to second visitors lot.

LOT 2: drive along parking area to left side of building. Before the parking area turns to the right behind Goodwin House, take a LEFT and up a little rise into second VISITORS lot which has room for about 60 cars.

**Directions for The Artful Quilter - 13860-F Braddock Road (Old Centreville Crossing)
Centreville, VA 20121**

tel: (703) 266-3250 WEB: www.artfulquilter.com

From the Capitol Beltway (495): Proceed on route 66 West to Exit 53A for Route 28 south Proceed a 1/2 mile and take the Exit for Route 29 North - At the second light make a right on to Old Centreville Road -Then make an immediate left into the Old Centreville Crossing Shopping Center -The best landmark is Copeland's. Proceed to the opposite end of the center -*The Artful Quilter* is around the corner from Glory Days and Little Italy Deli, to the right of Apple Federal Credit Union on the end - You can park nearby the shop on either side or anywhere in the centers' main lot

From Braddock Rd and 123:Take Braddock Road West towards Centreville -Turn right at the light onto Union Mill Road -Turn left at the first light (you're back on Braddock Road) -Go approximately 3/4 of a mile and turn right into the first entrance to Old Centreville Crossing Shopping Center. We are in the same center as Copeland's at the other end. The shop faces the Braddock Road side -Make an immediate right and you'll find *The Artful Quilter* to the right of Apple Federal Credit Union, on the end -You can park nearby the shop on either side or anywhere in the centers' main lot

From the Fairfax County Parkway: Take Braddock Road Exit West towards Centreville -Go Approximately 3 miles to Union Mill Road and turn right at the light Turn left at the first light (you're back on Braddock Road) -Go approximately 3/4 of a mile and turn right into the first entrance to Old Centreville Crossing Shopping Center. We are in the same center as Copeland's at the other end. The shop faces the Braddock Road side -Make an immediate right and you'll find ***The Artful Quilter*** to the right of Apple Federal Credit Union, on the end -You can park nearby the shop on either side or anywhere in the centers' main lot

Bring brown bag lunch to workshops. Beverages and cookies will be served.

**Nominated Slate of Officers for 2005-2006
(To be voted on at the Annual Meeting)**

The nominations committee and I have a partial slate of officers for Big QU Board positions for the 2005-06 year. We are grateful for the acceptances of the following members.

Vice President - Ann Marie Folsom (FC)

Secretary - Kristy Kahrs (Arl)

Quilt Show - Andrea Gribble (V)

Nominations - Jim Melton (FC)

Unfortunately, as of this writing, the offices of President, Treasurer, and Newsletter have no candidates. If you or someone you know would consider serving the guild in one of these positions please contact me so that we may fill these slots from the floor at the annual meeting in May. QU needs your help. Please consider being on the Board.

Thanks, Linda Cooper (B), 703-425-5965, cooperate@cox.net

The Quilters Unlimited 32nd Annual Quilt Show June 3 – 5, 2005

This has been an exciting year for me – Your show will be terrific. We have received the applications and the quilts are beautiful. My hats off to all of you, Great Job. Things are coming along, the activities have started to heat up, and before you know it our Quilt Show will be here. This year is special since it has such an impact on all of us, because we all know someone who has been touched with Breast Cancer, a soldier who has been wounded, or have in the past made a quilt for a sick child, or for project Linus. The theme for Project Linus is “A project Linus blanket is like a big hug when you need one” and I think this theme applies to the Breast Cancer and the Quilts of Valor project as well.

Because I will not be able to personally thank everyone – I would like to say a special THANK YOU to Ellen Issner and Susan Sladek who volunteered to help me with anything, and they have kept their promise. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given so much of their time to make this show possible, everyone has worked long hours, and everyone has functioned as a well-oiled team. I would also like to thank in advance all of the Volunteers who will be setting up the show, and taking it down, those who will be hanging the Quilts, Participating as a White Glove Lady, those who have volunteered to be a Vendor Tender, all of the people who have volunteered to run one of the project groups, and the people who have volunteered to sit and sew for such wonderful organizations. We would not have a successful show **WITHOUT YOU**.

The Project areas are looking for donations of Fabric, Thread and Batting for the project quilts that we are making. If you can donate washed fabric please call Linda Roberts (703) 281-9310, and we will make sure that the projects receive your donations, or feel free to bring it to the show, and Sit and Sew with one of the different projects. Susan Smith has volunteered to run the Quilts of Valor for the wounded Soldiers, Bill Rice has volunteered to run the Project Linus project, and we are still in need of a volunteer to assemble the Breast Cancer Blocks that we have been collecting.

Thanks for the wonderful year, and See you at the Quilt Show.

Linda

The Advantages to Quilt Show Program Ads

Have you ever wished you didn't have to leave your sewing machine at the shop for two weeks or more just to get it cleaned and tuned up? Do you hate packing it up and moving it, and avoid having it cleaned sufficiently because of these nuisances? Check the ads in last year's quilt show program and on our website (<http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/showadverts.htm> or <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/showadverts.pdf>) for Jim's Sewing Machine Repair, Inc. and get an experienced technician and nice guy to come to your home during the day or in the evening and complete a tuneup or repair within an hour or two!

How about planning a vacation, getting some high-quality framing done for a low price, completing another college degree, getting a family portrait taken, buying a Longaberger basket, receiving top financial advice, buying/selling a house or decorating your Christmas tree -- all possible with the advice and support of other quilters, members of your quilt guild,

and advertisers in the quilt show program.

Do you need a recommendation for a good printing job at a low price, or a graphic designer to produce a brochure or party invitation or corporate logo for you? Are you looking for a small, intimate quilt guild to join to supplement the QU experience, or a great quilt festival as a Vermont summertime destination? These advertisers are not QU members, but are highly recommended by them.

I actually heard a chapter member say recently that she had multiple quilt tops pieced, but didn't know where to take them to be quilted. Our website includes multiple local, top quality businesses, so you don't have to mail those beautiful tops, you can go to see other work in progress, and you can get lots of recommendations from people you know, whose opinions you trust: Adventure Quilting, The Finishing Touch, Quilt For You, The Quilting Cellar, and Stover Quality Quilting.

And, of course, The Artful Quilter heads a whole list of quilting businesses, ready to provide thread, fabric, tools, classes, books, patterns, and solve your every quilting problem. Addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses can be found on the website and in the quilt program.

For several years now, QU has been trying to offset the cost of the show program, now grown to nearly \$5,000, with advertisements from businesses which feel they have a lot to offer to us and a willingness to support our annual show. It is partly thanks to these businesses that we can afford to display our quilts to the public without entry fees. Many of these advertisers are fellow guild members, friends who have a bond with us even before we start doing business. Please, check the quilt show page of our website and your old show programs when you are shopping around, and be sure to tell the people you call where you got their contact information. Thank them for their participation and support for our show.

THE SILENT AUCTION IS COMING!

It's time to think about what you can donate to the Silent Auction at the Big QU Show (June 3-5)! All chapters, bees, groups and individuals are encouraged to donate to this event. It's a great way to give something back to the guild that provides us with so much in terms of education, fun, and friendship! All proceeds will go to fund QU programs and future QU shows.

Think: quilts, clothing, home decor, accessories!

Picture: traditional, contemporary, sedate or wild! Quilt-related items will delight the public and QU members alike. The auction will be an open bidding process, with biddings closing at 3pm the final day of the show.

Donations can be turned in at the Spring QU meeting on May 5, or to your chapter's quilt show representative any time prior to that. Let's show the public what 21st century quilting is all about! What will YOU donate?

Questions? Contact Debbie Angerman, wdangerman@aol.com, 703-753-1394 or Jean Taylor, arkijean@comcast.net, Tel: 703-644-9480 of Burke Chapter.

QU President's Block

This year for the President's farewell we will be trying something new. The outgoing President, Baird Bell, has requested blocks which she can make into a quilt and donate to the Operation Iraqi Freedom Support Fund. The group will then raffle the quilt and the money raised will be used to allow family members to visit injured soldiers in the hospital. This is a great way to donate to two good causes at once!

The block we will create is a simple Nine Patch. The finished size will be 6 ½ inches, which includes the ¼ inch seam allowance. Start with 2 ½ inch strips or squares of cream and bright blue or bright green fabrics and put them together according to the layout below. You can machine or hand piece the block and make more than one if you are having fun – I'm sure Baird can whip up more than one quilt for such a good cause!

Give our finished blocks to your Chapter President or mail them directly to Baird Bell, 10720 Shingle Oak Court, Burke, Virginia, 22015-2445. Any questions, call Sandi Goldman Hettler at 703-242-1123 or email sdhet@aol.com. Thanks!!

Note: The diagram does not include seam allowances!

Bright Green Or Bright Blue	Cream	Bright Green Or Bright Blue
Cream	Bright Green Or Bright Blue	Cream
Bright Green Or Bright Blue	Cream	Bright Green Or Bright Blue

QU Chapter Information

Listed below are the meeting times and dates for the 12 chapters of QU. Please be advised that time, dates and subject of programs can change.

Annandale

Third Wednesday 10 am, Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church. Baste-a-Thons: First Wednesday, 10 am. The Quilt Patch. Bees: Second Wednesday, 10 am., Packard Center, 4020 Hummer Rd., Contact: to Joyce Onesty 703-978-4684 conesty@aol.com

Arlington

Second Monday (Program), 7:30 Auditorium (LL) Goodwin House West, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church (Bailey's Crossroads). Other Mondays are Bees, 7:30 PM, Top of the West (12th Floor), Goodwin House West. Contact: Suzanne Langsdorf, smlangsdorf@yahoo.com (703) 379-4443.

April 11: Kath Heslep, Trunk show of antique quilts

May 9: Auction

June 13: Potluck dinner (7:00 pm)

Burke

Second Weds (Business/Show & Tell), Fourth Weds (Program), 7:30 Cherry Run Elementary, 9732 Ironmaster Dr, Burke. Contact: Susan Fernandez, mannyandsusan@cox.net, 703-690-9550.

Mar 30: Lonnie Rossi - "Woman Versus Weather: Controlled Spontaneity" (*Program meeting moved to 5th Wednesday due to Fairfax County Schools Spring Break*)

April 27: Laurie Shifrin - "Batiks"

TBD: Workshop with Laurie Shifrin - Behind the Shadows

May 25: Pat Sloan - "Pat's Quilts: From Then to Now"

June 8: Social (location TBD)

Centreville

Second Thursday 7:30 PM at Colin Powell Elementary Cafeteria, 13340 Leland Rd., Centreville. Contact: Bonnie Wilbur 703-378-5802.

Fairfax

First Thursday (Business/Show & Tell), Third Thursday (Program), 10 am, St. Peters In the Woods Episcopal Church, 5911 Fairview Woods Dr, Fairfax Station. Contact: Becky Beierle 703-246-0035.

Falls Church

Third Friday, 7:00 PM, Falls Church Community Senior Center, Falls Church. Contact: Ann Folsom 703-538-5358.

Haymarket

First Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Mountain View Elementary School, 5600 McLeod Highway, Haymarket. Contact: Jo Moury, 703-754-4902

McLean

Fourth Tuesday, 9:30 am, McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. Contact: Kay Burnett, 703-242-8732.

Mt. Vernon

Second Tuesday (Business/Show & Tell/Mini-Workshop); Fourth Tuesday (Program) 12:30 PM, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd, Alexandria. Bees: Off Tues, Room 216, 11:30 PM. Contact: Nancy McGlasson, 703-960-3034.

Reston

Second & fourth Tuesday 7:30 PM Armstrong Elementary School, Lake Newport Drive, Reston. Bees are second and fourth Wednesday, 10 am Hunters Woods United Christian Parish; and first and third Tues 7 PM, Herndon Library. Contact: Karen Field 703-689-0434.

Springfield

First (Business) and Third (Program) Tuesday, 9:30 am. Bees: Second and Fourth Tuesday, 9:30 am, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St, Springfield. Contact: Kim Fess, 703-239-0314.

Vienna

Third Tuesday, 7:15 PM, Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Rd, Vienna. Contact: Andrea Gribble 703-764-9331

Quilters Unlimited (QU) is a non-profit organization of quilters, with all chapters and activities in Northern Virginia. Founded in 1972, it has grown to approximately 1,200 members in 12 chapters, unified by a central Board of Directors. Members include women and men of all ages; traditionalists and contemporary quilters; beginners to renowned experts. Each chapter has its own scheduled events and functions. All chapters come together for Fall and Winter Quilt-Ins, a Fall Seminar, a Spring Quilt Exhibit showcasing members' work, and a May annual meeting with accompanying workshops. Visitors are welcome to attend a meeting of any chapter, as well as other QU activities. Annual membership is \$15. Our webpage is at www.quiltersunlimited.org. All QU members are welcome to contribute newsletter submissions. Contact Becky Giddings, 703-212-0767 or rgiddings@comcast.net.

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