



# Quilters Unlimited Newsletter

The newsletter for Northern Virginia's Quilters

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## President's Message

Dear QU Members,

It has been quite a year for QU. We've had some wonderful events so far beginning with the Sully quilt show and sale, the fall quilt-in, and the fall lecture and workshops. Squeezed in between were lots of chapter retreats and activities, and who knows how many quilts were finished in the process?!

Right now we're preparing for the winter quilt-in, the annual meeting with its lecture and workshop, and who can forget the Quilt Show! Year after year these events come and go, and year after year they just get better and better thanks to the hard work and dedication of our members. When I took over as president last spring I was amazed at how smooth the transition was from one administration to another. Information was shared, due dates were set, and nobody dropped the ball! Our membership should be thankful to these individuals who provide such wonderful services to all of us.

We have some volunteers who work very hard but who are not recognized as QU officers, and I would like to thank them for their time. Lisa Langlais has worked tirelessly to deliver our programs this year and has lined up some exciting new opportunities for the next few years. Cindy Pedder spends countless hours keeping our membership records straight. Loretta Spittle has once again helped us raise money through the raffle quilt effort. And Diane Yim has represented us well with Artisans Unlimited. Thank you all for energy and support.

At the time of this writing there are still openings on the QU Board for next year. I hope you will consider serving in one of those positions. It is a rewarding experience for you personally and a great way to meet some wonderful people.

Finally, the Quilt Show this year promises to be the best ever! Demos! Classes! Quilts! Shopping! What could be better!

Thank you all for a wonderful year.

Keep the piece,

Lynne Everly

**2006/2007 QU BOARD Nominees**  
**To be Voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 4, 2006**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Virginia Hall (Arlington)
Vice President	Ann Marie Folsom (Falls Church)
Secretary	Kim Fess (Springfield)
Treasurer	TBD
Newsletter	Deborah Foster Cobb (Centreville)
Nominating	Cathy Rees (McLean)
Quilt Show	Andrea Gribble (Vienna)

**2005/2006 QU BOARD**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Lynne Everly (Arl)
Vice President	Ann Marie Folsom (FC)
Secretary	Kristy Kahrs (Arl)
Treasurer	Eileen Linares (A)
Newsletter	Jeanne Coglianese (C)
Nominating	Jim Melton (FC)
Quilt Show	Andrea Gribble (V)
President Ex Officio	Baird Bell (B)
Artisans United	Diane Yim
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Fundraising	Loretta Spittle (S)
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Springfield President	Penny Boyanton
Vienna President	Theresa Nichols

## 2006 QU Quilt Show

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Quilters Unlimited show will be held June 2 – 4, 2005 at the Dulles Expo Center. 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. 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 is available for download and printing on the Quilters Unlimited website, <http://quiltersunlimited.org/docs/ShowEntry06.pdf>, 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 in May, and be available to be picked up at the June meeting.

### **Silent Auction Donations**

This is the time for chapter members and bees to be considering what they would like to donate to the silent auction at the quilt show. Quilts, wall hangings, and baskets of fabric are popular items. Silent auction organizers like as much notice as possible to take photos of the donated items and organize the bidding sheets, to allow the auction to proceed smoothly.

### **Heart Ornaments to be Sold at the Show**

In line with our "You Gotta Have Heart" theme, members are being asked to make holiday ornaments with a heart theme, which will be displayed on lattice work and sold at the auction. All profits will go to benefit research on heart disease in women (the number one killer of women).

### **Classes at the Quilt Show**

Many well-known talented quilters will be teaching an exciting variety of quilting concepts and techniques at this year's quilt show. Starting with lectures on Thursday afternoon and evening, you will be able to learn or improve your skills in computer design of quilts, basic piecing, assembling challenging sets of blocks, machine applique folk art, free motion quilting and finishing techniques, handling set-in seams and piping, and making quilted jackets and purses. Crooked Cabin quilts, miniature quilt techniques with Roman Stripes, stash busting with a Strip Twist, and

Trip Around the World with color theory are classes which will get you well on your way to a new, colorful masterpiece. The class brochure can be downloaded from the links on our website at <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/showclasses.htm> and registrations should be mailed to 4198 Stepney Drive, Gainesville, VA 20155. Come join us to learn something new and have fun quilting with friends!

## The 2006 Annual Meeting and Speaker – Sue Nickels

Sue has been quilting for 25 years, first by hand, then focusing on machine work. She began teaching machine quilting techniques 15 years ago and has taught at the AQS, IQA and NQS shows as well as for guilds and symposiums across the country and in England. Sue's quilts have won top honors in quilting, to include Best in Show at the 1998 AQS in Paducah Kentucky, third place at the 2000 AQS Nashville show, and best of all, the Master Award for Machine Artistry with her latest quilt, "The Space Quilt" at the 2003 IQA show in Houston Texas. Photos of her award winning quilts can be viewed on Sue's website, [www.suenickels.com](http://www.suenickels.com).

### **Lecture: Machine Quilting for Today's Quilts by Sue Nickels**

**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2006 – 7:00 pm – Annual Meeting –

**Location:** Goodwin House, Bailey's Crossroads

Sue will share her progression from hand quilter to the machine quilter she is today. This personal journey will show slides of Sue's and her sister Pat Holly's quilts. They have written two machine quilting pattern books, 60 Machine Quilting Patterns, and Amish Patterns for Machine Quilting. Also included are slides of antique machine stitched quilts and quilts from machine quilters across the country. Sue will bring quilts to share and allow time for questions on machine quilting.

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

**Workshop: Mastering Feathers on the Machine**

**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2006, 10:30 to 5:00 PM

**Location:** G Street, Seven Corners Center, 6259 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church, VA.

**Cost:** \$40.00 (Class limited to 25 students)

**Level:** Intermediate and advanced quilter

This workshop will focus on free motion machine quilting beautiful feathers. Learn to control your stitching and take the mystery out of these quilting designs. Practice as you work on samples, using designs from Sue's book, "Amish Patterns for Machine Quilting." Discussion will cover managing the larger quilt, thread choices, and choosing quilting designs.

**Workshop: Mastering Quilting Essentials Workshop**

**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2006, 10:30 to 5:00 pm

**Location:** G Street, Seven Corners Center, 6259 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church, VA.

**Cost:** \$40.00 (Class limited to 25 students)

**Level:** Beginner, intermediate and advanced quilter

In this basic workshop, learn all aspects needed to master machine quilting. Discussion will focus on machine quilting supplies, including threads and batting. Practice on small samples to learn the basics of straight-line and free-motion quilting. Learn to choose designs for machine quilting and how to handle larger quilts. Enjoy learning the latest machine quilting techniques in Sue's most popular class.

Sue's priority in the workshops she teaches is to provide a relaxed environment for students to learn machine-quilting techniques that are timesaving. I emphasize the best quality workmanship possible, never compromising quality for speed!

For more information about these workshops, please contact Lynn Van Keuren, 703-425-1407, [quiltvan@verizon.net](mailto:quiltvan@verizon.net) or Lisa Langlais, 703-440-8157, [APQSQuilter@aol.com](mailto:APQSQuilter@aol.com).

**Registration start date is April 1, 2006.** Make checks payable to Quilter's Unlimited and mail registration and checks to Lynn Van Keuren, 9203 Byron Terrace, Burke, VA 22015-2037.

**Cancellation Policy:** No refunds after April 25, 2006, unless a substitute for the opening is secured by the registrant or from the workshop wait list if one exists.

The workshops will be opened to non-QU-members two weeks prior to the date of the workshops only if members have not filled all spaces. The fee for non-members will be the \$40.00 workshop fee plus a \$20.00 non-member fee. Class confirmation and supply list(s) will be emailed.

**Sue Nickels Workshop Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fall lecture and workshops

September 28, 2006 Barbara Randal, evening lecture, Crazy Quilting with Attitude

September 29, 2006 Barbara Randal Workshop, Crazy quilting purses

September 30, 2006 Barbara Randal Workshop, Crazy Quilting

Please go to [www.randledesigns.com](http://www.randledesigns.com) for a quick look at the wonderful things Barbara will lecture and teach Quilters Unlimited.

### *Coming ahead*

May 3, 2007 Sally Schneider evening lecture, Confessions of a Scrap Maniac.

May 4, 2007 Sally Schneider workshop, Laurel Wreath.

May 5, 2007 Sally Schneider workshop, Kansas Troubles NOT!

Please go to [www.sallyschneider.com](http://www.sallyschneider.com) for more information

## 2005-2006 Calendar of Events

April 5	Board Meeting	Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
May 4	Spring Seminar/ Annual Meeting	Sue Nickels Lectures and Election of Officers for 2005-6
May 5 & 6	Spring Seminar Workshops	Workshops with Sue Nickels
Jun 2,3,4	QU Quilt Show	Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA

## Schedule of Quilt Show Assignments for 2005/2006

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Advertising	Centreville
Annual Show (food, drapes, stanchions, clothes hangers)	Haymarket
Classes	Centreville
Design/Layout (Mentor)	Falls Church
Design/Layout (Primary)	McLean
Demonstrations	Mt. Vernon
Program/Cards	Springfield
Publicity	Burke
Ribbons/Dolls/etc.	Fairfax
Set-up (Mentor)	Arlington
Set-up (Primary)	Vienna
Silent Auction	Reston
Volunteer Coordinator	Annandale

**Friendship Star Quilters Show  
Gaithersburg, MD  
April 21-23, 2006**

Friendship Star Quilters, Inc, of Gaithersburg, Maryland is once again offering workshops at the Quilt Show, *Forever Friends*, April 21-23, 2006 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

Featured teachers this year are Bonnie Lyn McCaffery, Lois Smith and Juanita Canfield.

Visit our website [www.friendshipstar.org](http://www.friendshipstar.org), click on the 2006 Quilt Show logo and then on Workshops to see the list of classes. View class sample photos using the links in the descriptions. The registration form is also available on the website.

Classes are filling up so don't delay! Any questions, contact Kim Jalette at (301) 926-1378 or at [jalette@starpower.net](mailto:jalette@starpower.net).

## 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](mailto: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 (12<sup>th</sup> Floor), Goodwin House West. Contact: Suzanne Langsdorf, [smlangsdorf@yahoo.com](mailto:smlangsdorf@yahoo.com) (703) 379-4443.

April 10, Margie Broderick crazy quilting trunk show

May 8: Annual Auction

June 12, June Potluck supper and installation of new officers for 2006-2007.

### Burke

Second Wednesday (Business/Show & Tell), Fourth Wednesday (Program), 7:30 Cherry Run Elementary, 9732 Ironmaster Dr, Burke. Contact: Linda Cooper 703-425-5965.

March 29, Mickey Depre

May 10, Business Meeting

April 19, Business Meeting

May 24, Debbie Kratovi

April 26, TBD

June 14, June Social

### Centreville

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

April 13: Mary Kerr "What is your Grandma's Garden Worth?"

May 11: Barbara Zygiel "Quilting with Novelty Prints"

### 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: Wendy McQuown 703-425-7171.

### Falls Church

Third Friday, 7:00 PM, Falls Church Community Senior Center, Falls Church. Contact: Libia Labardini 703-486-4234.

### Haymarket

First Thursday, 7:30 PM, Evergreen Volunteer Fire Station, Route 15 (James Madison Hwy), Haymarket. Contact: Jo Moury, 703-754-4902

April, Fabric Dyeing

May, Business Meeting, Budget and Annual Election

June, Social

### McLean

Fourth Tuesday, 9:30 am, McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. Contact: Diane Kirkhart, 703-749-4645.

### Mt Vernon

Second Tuesday (Business/Show & Tell/Mini-Workshop); Fourth Tuesday (Program) Room 112, 12:30 PM; Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd, Alexandria. Bees: Off Tues, Room 216, 12:20 PM. Contact: Gail Franchi

March 28, Ro Coller, "Labels"

April 25, Anita Roby-Lavery, "Using Hand Dyed Fabrics"

May 23, Luncheon

### 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: Lynn Brekke 703-476-1316.

### **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: Penny Boyanton 703-527-2976.

March 21, Annette Ornelas lecture "Peeled Back Patchwork" and workshop

April 18, In-house lecture and workshop on Log Cabin quilts and variations

May 16, TBA

June, End of Year Potluck Luncheon

### **Vienna**

Third Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Vienna Elementary Middle School, 128 Center Street, Vienna. Contact: Theresa Nichols 703-938-3553.

March 31, Barbara Hollinger Trunk Show

April 18, Karen Kay Buckley Lecture "To Border or Not to Border? That is the Question!"

Machine Appliqué Workshop

May 16, Patsy Hartnett "Politics & the Needle"

June, Dinner

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 1,300 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 \$20. Our web page is at [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org). All QU members are welcome to contribute newsletter submissions. Contact Jeanne Coglianese, 703-449-9541 or [qunewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:qunewsletter@yahoo.com)

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