

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Baby it's cold outside - a good time to snuggle in a quilt or to get a sleeve sewn on because the quilt show is rapidly approaching. According to Kay Burnett, Friday February 27 is the last day for entry forms (and pictures).

That takes care of February. March has our annual auction. Judy Kozlowicki and Cathy Rees are working hard to organize your donations.

It is also time to start planning for Lancaster. If you have never gone, this is the year for a day of fabric, food and fun.

Thank you, Lorelei Crerar for all you work as Hospitality Chair. Lura Alsalam has stepped in with Lesa Schmidt to help. Ill health has claimed Dorothy Stringer (Sunshine) and our treasurer, Pat Carroll. Carolyn Lynch will take over until Dorothy recovers. Anjana Pringle has stepped in to fill Pat's place. Let us hope that they will both be back soon.

"Use All The Colors" is the topic of Betsy True's program for our meeting on January 27th. See you all then. Keep warm.

Carla Schardt

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Lancaster Bus Trip

McLean Chapter QU annual bus trip to the Quilters' Heritage Show will be on Thursday, April 2, 2009. The cost will be \$40, payable to McLean QU, this includes bus, entrance fee and dinner at the Good n' Plenty Restaurant. The bus leaves at 6:45 AM and returns around 9:15 PM. Bus pick up will be at our regular meeting place, McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. Contact Ginny McConnell 703-764-2775 or vmcconnell1@verizon.net. A sign up sheet will be at the monthly meetings.

Santa Fe Retreat

Yes, there will be a Santa Fe Retreat this year, if we all have any money left, of course. Dates will be Wednesday, September 23 to leave for Santa Fe and Wednesday, September 30 to return to Virginia. In between we will see quilt shops, museums, galleries, Indian pueblos, beautiful scenery, wonderful and varied restaurants, and maybe even do some quilting. If you think you can make it this year, let Kay Burnett know. mekayquilter@aol.com or 703-242-8732. Kay will bring pictures of past retreats to meetings and bees to give you an idea of where you will be staying and some of the places to go and things to do.

⊘ No Perfumes/Fragrances/Hand Creams/Lotions at bees and meetings please.

Several of our members are sensitive to fragrances found in perfumes, skin creams, and other common items. Many of the symptoms they suffer are mild, but some suffer more severe reactions including stomach and esophageal pain for hours after being at a bee where an innocent member is unaware that her perfume is causing distress. Of course, the perfume sensitive members can simply leave the meeting, but a kinder solution is for all of us to avoid wearing perfumes or scented lotions including hand creams to bees and meetings.

Inclement Weather Policy

Meetings and church bees - if Fairfax County Schools are closed or delayed, the church will be closed. All activities at the church are cancelled. You can check TV, radio or go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>.

Home bees - there is no reason for us to base whether or not to hold home bees on what Fairfax County schools are doing. The decision is left up to each hostess. For some, if the weather is clear but there are large piles of snow along the sides of the roads, a bee may have to be cancelled due to lack of parking. **Always check your email before leaving for a bee.** For those without email, the phone tree will be activated. If all else fails and you are still in doubt, you can always call the hostess.

Officers Needed

Donna Sinrud is still looking for a McLean president, vice president and nominating person for 2009. If you are willing to hold one of these positions, please contact Donna at 703-620-3627 or dsinrud@msn.com

Monthly Meetings

Place:
McLean Baptist Church
1367 Chain Bridge Rd.
McLean, VA

Dates:
4th Tues. most months
Time: 9:30 AM

Bees

Dates:
Tuesdays

Time:
10:00 AM

Place:
Check schedule for location and directions

Program Information

On January 27 Betsy True, quilter, teacher and designer will give a lecture and slide show "Using All The Colors". The lecture provides information on use of color in quilting, color theory and practical ways to explore color in your quilts.

On February 24, Jill Jensen, quilter, teacher, judge will present a trunk show of her quilts from a wide range of subjects. Her work can be seen at www.jilljensenart.com.

2009 Show Quilts

Your Quilt Collectors for the 2009 show are Kay Burnett and Donna Sinrud. The entry form and information sheet are online at the Quilters Unlimited website - <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/show.htm>; the form is at <http://tinyurl.com/a6t9pp>. Kay will also have forms available when we photograph your quilts for the entry forms. Kay will have her camera and printer to photograph your quilts at each bee and the January and February meetings. The ABSOLUTE DEADLINE is Friday, February 27, as our paperwork/cd is due March 1. If you cannot bring your quilt to be measured and photographed at one of the bees or our regular meetings, you must contact Donna (dsinrud@msn.com or 703-620-3627) or Kay (mekayquilter@aol.com or 703-242-8732) to make other arrangements.

Please remember the maximum dimensions allowable have been changed this year to 115".

Kay Burnett

March 24 Auction

This year's fund-raising auction will be at our March meeting, March 24.

The fat-quarter basket will once again be raffled off. Please bring a pretty fat quarter of quilting fabric (more if you like!) to the January chapter meeting.

Please bring items for the live and silent auctions before auction day, if possible, to minimize the hubbub that morning. Bring them to the chapter meetings, or to the bees at the church. This does NOT apply to items for the 'fixed-price' tables at the back. Bring these to the church the day before the auction, or auction day at the latest, and remember these must be quilt- or craft-related.

Donors of silent or live auction items must complete a donation slip themselves. If not immediately apparent, write a brief description of your item, noting anything special or unusual. Donation slips will be available at the January meeting. You do not need to decide whether your item will be "live" or "silent".

A sign-up sheet for auction volunteers will be passed around at the January chapter meeting. If you miss this and would like to volunteer, call or email Judy Kozlowicki (jwkozlo@gmail.com) or Cathy Rees (mcrees12@aol.com).

SERVICE COMMITTEE

At our service bee held on January 13, we finished 52 quilts and had 23 quilts tied, trimmed, and ready for a binding and label. This could only happen with the help of so many quilters on that Tuesday. Our special thanks for those members who brought sewing machines, cutting mats, salads and sweets for lunch. Speaking of lunch, the pizza was well enjoyed. Special thanks to Lura Alsalam for her help in setting up the refreshments.

Mary Pace will be bringing 15 of the 23 quilts to the church bee on February 3. If you could bring a sewing machine to bind a few quilts, it would be so appreciated.

At our meeting on February 24th, we will be having guests from the groups to which we donate quilts. They will briefly speak about who receives the McLean quilts. We look forward to seeing you in February.

Mary Pace 703-536-5857 shannon1216@hotmail.com

Service committee - Mary Pace, Loretta Sullivan, Suzie Buck and Pat Carroll

Schedule of Events

- Jan. 27 Betsy True lecture and slideshow "Using all the Colors"
- Feb. 3 Bee at the church. If you can help finish service quilts, please bring a machine. Check your Monday email to find out if sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening will be available.
- Feb. 10 Bee at Jill Halbert's (703-759-4498) 9059 Jeffery Rd., Great Falls. Old Dominion Dr. towards Great Falls. Left at Georgetown Pike. First right at Riverbend Rd. After the stop sign, first right onto Jeffrey.
Food Volunteers - Ginny McConnell and Cathy Brown
- Feb. 17 Bee at Diane Kirkhart's (703-749-4645) 1452 Carrington Ridge Lane, Vienna. From Beltway take Rt. 7 West. As soon as you cross Toll Road, turn left onto Jarrett Valley Dr. Take 2nd left. House is on the corner.
Food volunteers - Carole Marti and Nancy Fallone
- Feb. 24 Jill Jensen trunkshow
- Mar. 3 Bee at the church. Check your Monday email to find out if sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening will be available.
- Mar. 10 Bee at Donna Sinrud's (703-620-3627) 10938 Stuart Mill Rd., right across from Stuart Mill Ct. From 66 take exit 60 to Rt. 123 North (toward Vienna). Turn Left on Hunter Mill Rd. Turn left on Vale Rd. Stay straight onto Stuart Mill Rd. (sort of a Y intersection). House is about 1 block down right after the fire plug. It's best to park on left side of road.
Food volunteers - Gayle Ropp and Cindy Wilson
- Mar. 17 Bee at Sandi Goldman's (703-764-4479) 4616 Duncan Drive, Annandale, VA 22003. From the beltway take exit 52 A-B, Rt. 236 Little River Turnpike towards Fairfax (west). Turn left at first light - Duncan Drive. Continue to #4616 on the right.
Food volunteers - Joanne Field and Mary Orzech
- Mar. 24 Auction
- Apr. 28 Morna Golitz, Studio Tour
- May 26 Luncheon/Elections

Eyeglasses for Lions Club

Do you have any old glasses at home that you will never use again and would like to see recycled? Sandy Easterwood will have a box on the Welcome Table for your donations to the Lions Club.

Birthday Column

Happy birthday to the members with birthdays from the end of January through March. Please note: your name will not appear in the birthday column unless you put your birthday on your membership form.

JANUARY		FEBRUARY			MARCH		
Linda Bell	26	Stephanie Russell	2	Janet Sampson	22	Pamela Stratton	1
Lesa Schmidt	26	Peggy Knight	3	Arlene Wagner	22	Ilse Johnson	4
Paula Golden	29	Cathy Rees	4	Diane McCullough	23	Barbara Hollinger	5
Pat McCracken	30	Jill Halbert	6	Carolyn Lynch	24	Cindy Wilson	10
Cathy Brown	31	Ruth Sackadorf	11	Mary Bredehoft	25	Sharon Undal	11
Ellen Engelson	31	Nancy Burke	13	Toni Alaimo	28	Alison Smith	12
		Judy Hendrickson	13	Karen Alexander	28	Rita Christopher	17
		Ellen Rosendhal	14			Ginny McConnell	23
		Pat Carroll	16			Patt Madlener	25
		Suzie Buck	17			Helen Peterson	29
		Maureen Gray	17			Dolly Saunders	31

McLean QU 2007 - 2008
Officers and Committees

President	Carla Schardt	703-478-2964
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Auction	Cathy Rees	703-757-8477
	Judy Kozlowicki	703-759-6576
Bees	Nancy Fallone	703-533-3907
Challenge	Nancy Fallone	703-533-3907
Communications	Mary Orzech	703-476-4641
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	Pat Blood	703-356-4557
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Service Projects	Mary Pace	703-536-5857
	Loretta Sullivan	703-536-1692
	Suzie Buck	703-536-5211
	Pat Carroll	703-533-3199
Sunshine	Carolyn Lynch	703-288-4944
Telephone Tree	Carolyn Lynch	703-288-4944
	Evelyn Penn	703-356-0766

Please send any information on someone needing "Sunshine" (a card) to Carolyn Lynch
SBSue2U@cox.net or 703-288-4944

Big QU Newsletter

Big QU has gone green. There was a question on your membership form asking if we could email your big QU newsletter to you. If you answered YES or you didn't answer the question, but you gave us an email address, you should have gotten emails with links to the previous 6 newsletters on the QU website. **Please consider changing to YES for the big QU and the McLean electronic newsletters if you have a computer at home.**

The big QU newsletter is being viewed on the website by nearly 84% of the members who were notified by email. This is saving hundreds of dollars in printing and distribution costs for each newsletter. Mailed copies of the big QU newsletter are very expensive.

QU Digest

Do you subscribe to the QU Digest? The QU Digest is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. Once you subscribe, you will receive regular news about QU events, QU members and the quilt community at large, quilting tips, and interesting websites. There is also on-going news about workshops and shows by QU and other guilds, bus trips, pleas for missing books or fabric, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't have to be quilt related! Subscribers are able to log onto a website to see QU Digest archives for the last few years, download a directory of e-mail subscribers, access a wide range of quilting tips submitted by readers, and see photos of workshops and events. If you wish to subscribe to the QU Digest, e-mail Barbara Tricarico (V, McL) at QUDigest@cox.net. Include your name, QU chapter, and e-mail address.

Newsletter Submissions and Suggestions

Have you visited a quilt show recently and had a good time? Did you find a great quilt shop on your vacation that you think others should hear about? Please send a review to me for the newsletter. Also, send in your photos, tips and hints. I'll try to include as much as I can. Any input from you would be gratefully appreciated. Any comments or suggestions about our newsletter would also be appreciated. Are you overwhelmed by paper? Would you like to help QU "go green?" If you get your McLean and big QU newsletters mailed to you and you would like to see them on your computer, let me know. I'll get you added to the email lists. You'll get them sooner and see the pictures in color, too. Connie Doberenz at cdoberenz20191@comcast.net



Submission deadline for the next newsletter - March 6

Please honor the deadline so that I can get the newsletter out on time.